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WASHINGTON.

THE SPEAKERSHIP PRO TEM.

MR. KERR'S ILLNESS THE CAUSE OF DIFFICULTY AMONG THE DEMOCRATS—A TEMPORARY HONOR WHICH MR. RANDALL DECLINED, BUT WHICH MR. COX ACCEPTED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Democrats in the House have another difficulty before them which may be encountered at a very early period. The premonitory symptoms appeared today. Mr. Kerr has been in very bad health all the session, but has battled bravely with a disease the character of which he himself well understands, and has succeeded in performing the duties of his office till the present time. Last night he asked leave of the House to be absent till Monday, and has gone away, it is understood, partly for rest and partly for medical advice. Yesterday he sent for Mr. Randall, and offered him the Speakership pro tem., for the reason that Mr. Randall had been the strongest man in the caucus next to Mr. Kerr himself. Mr. Randall declined, thinking that the temporary occupation of the chair was of little value, and believing that he could serve his party better on the floor. The office was then offered to Mr. Cox. Mr. Randall, by request of Mr. Kerr, moved the resolution this morning making Cox Speaker till the return of Mr. Kerr. The nomination of Blackburn, of Kentucky, by Mr. Clymer created no disturbance in the House, and Mr. Blackburn, in a somewhat affected speech, declined the great honor. It seems, however, that before the House met the subject of making a Speaker for three or four days was painfully discussed, and a public outbreak was with great difficulty avoided. Mr. Blackburn has occupied the chair considerably during the last few days, and is the best presiding officer that has yet appeared in the chair from the Democratic side. The opposition to Mr. Cox was very strong, and Blackburn was a convenient person to concentrate upon. The prospective disability of Mr. Kerr is not a pleasant subject of discussion; but nevertheless it is much talked about, and his friends fear that his return to the duties of Speaker will, at best, be but temporary. It is generally conceded that Mr. Randall made a great mistake in not accepting the position today, since the election of Mr. Cox has given him the advantage of precedence, which is very important. Possibly, however, Mr. Cox may suffer from this election, because it is apparent from his exhibition to-day that he is entirely unfit for a presiding officer. The occupation is far too serious for a man of his trifling disposition. The selection of Mr. Kerr has proved to be a wise one, for he has performed his duties in an affable, dignified, and efficient manner, so that there has been no cause for complaint by members of either party. It is hoped, for the interests of legislation generally, that he will continue strong enough to preside till the end of the session. The question whether Mr. Cox should take the oath as Speaker in addition to his oath as a member, which was discussed for more than two hours, was not considered very important, except the notion became general on the Democratic side of the House that, if he should take the oath as Speaker, he would permanently displease Mr. Kerr. This was an erroneous opinion, but it had the effect to consolidate the Democrats against the proposition to administer to Mr. Cox a new oath.

THE TROUBLES OF THE DEMOCRACY.

ANOTHER POSIPONEMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS—A COMMITTEE WHICH IS NOT AT ALL SATISFACTORY TO EASTERN DEMOCRATS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Just after the House adjourned to-day it was announced that no caucus would be held to-night. The notice was greeted with a laugh. A Democratic member who asked "When will it be held?" received no answer. The fact is, the caucus was postponed without date, and when it will meet again depends upon the whim of Mr. Lamar, or the action of the caucus committee. The leaders are afraid of trouble. The Eastern Democrats are angry. Had a caucus been held to-night, they would undoubtedly have been heard from. They claim that the composition of the committee is an insult to a great section of the country, which section is more largely interested in the question to be passed upon by the committee than all the other parts of the country combined. When Mr. Lamar framed the committee on the part of the House it is understood he saw Mr. Hewitt, of New-York, and offered to make him a member of it. Mr. Hewitt declined, suggesting that Mr. Smith Ely or Mr. Hardenbergh, of New-Jersey, both of whom are among the strongest financial men on the Democratic side, should be appointed. Mr. Lamar declined or failed to act upon the suggestion, and thus the East was left without a member, except Mr. Barnum, to look after their interests. Mr. Lamar has had time to observe the storm he has raised, and desires to keep out of it if possible until it has spent its force. The committee, as appointed, met to-day and passed a resolution enjoining the strictest secrecy and then adjourned until Saturday. They will meet then to consider several propositions which will be submitted; but it is very doubtful whether they will be ready to report for some time. There will be a strong effort made to mollify the Eastern Democracy before another caucus is held. Mr. Elijah Ward is expected to give a "tea and terrapin party" Saturday night at which all the inharmonious elements will be represented, and the matter will be discussed in a social way. Other similar gatherings are said to be in preparation, but the failure of former parties of a like character at the Wood mansion may prevent this hospitable house being included in the list.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE INDIAN BUREAU TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT—OPINIONS OF PROMINENT OFFICERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Gen. Sheridan was before the House Military Committee today, in reference to the proposed transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department, and the reduction in the pay of officers of the Army. He believes the transfer of the Indian Bureau would be advantageous both to the Indians and the Army, and would result in annually saving to the Government $3,500,000. The Indians would be better treated under the Army than under the present management, and the fact that they have an inherent respect for military power would induce them to comply with treaty obligations and restrain them from committing depredations. The transfer would be advantageous to the Army, because it would permit a consolidation of posts to be made, and the additional duties imposed in taking care of Indians would keep the troops more constantly employed, and thus promote discipline and increase efficiency. It would also give active employment to all the officers of the Army, thus making a reduction unnecessary, and while the Government would retain the services of educated and experienced officers, the expense of the military establishment could be very materially reduced by the consolidation of military posts, which the transfer would make easy of accomplishment, and by which several million dollars would be saved annually in transportation and other incidental expenses. Gen. Sheridan expressed decided opposition to the proposed reduction in the pay of Army officers. He claimed that the present pay of Army officers was less than is paid men of the same education and experience in any other profession, and believes a reduction in pay would cause many of the best officers to resign the military service. Gen. Ord, who was also before the committee, advocated the transfer of the Indians to the War Department, and opposed reduction in the pay of Army officers. The committee have received written opinions from Gens. Sherman and Hancock upon these two propositions, and they are understood to embrace the same views expressed by Gen. Sheridan.

CONGRESSIONAL TOPICS.

THE WEST POINT APPROPRIATIONS—PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER—INTEREST ON DISTRICT BONDS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The committees of the Senate have as yet finished or originated very little important legislation. The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads discussed the proposition to reduce the rate of postage on third-class matter, and although favoring the measure, did not reach a definite conclusion.

The Committee on Commerce had a short session and referred the perpetual Steam-boat bill to a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Boutwell and Dennis. This is the first real session for business held by this committee this session.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations had quite an extended session, discussing the West Point Appropriation bill. The reductions made by the House in the appropriations for this school were not well received by the Senate Committee, and it is believed the bill will be much amended. It is understood, however, that the committee will consent to the reduction in the pay and allowances of cadets from $700 to $540 per annum.

The Senate Committee on Patents were also in session to-day engaged in general discussion of various amendments which have been proposed to the Patent laws. Commissioner Duel and Gen. Spear, Deputy Commissioner of Patents, were before the committee, and gave their views in relation to the pending measures.

There was quite a mania to-day for personal explanations. Senator Spencer, in the Senate, denied the truth of the dispatch to the Chicago *Times*, in which he was said to have recently presided at a meeting which had for its purpose a renewal of the political disturbances in the South. He pronounced the statement false from beginning to end, and said he never had any conversation with the Chief Justice about the Enforcement act. Mr. Frank Morey, of the House, also made a personal explanation, denying the allegations in the same dispatch. Senator Alcorn, it will be remembered, made his explanation yesterday.

The Senate, after two days' discussion of the report from the Conference Committee on the bill to provide for the interest on the District bonds, has disagreed to the report and sent it back to the committee. The Conference Committee was composed of a majority of Democrats, and the action of the Senate in opposing any measure touching District affairs which could secure the votes of the Democrats in the House was regarded as very singular. The Senate, however, seems to be right. The subject of contention is the Board of Audit, which the Senate desires should be abolished, on the ground that the bill forbids the further issue of certificates and bonds. The bill, as passed by the House and agreed to by the Conference Committee, however, retains this board. The excuse for retaining it is that the work of the clerical force is necessary in winding up affairs and furnishing information which the House itself will need in framing District legislation.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—1 A. M.—The barometer has continued rising from the lakes to the Atlantic Coast, with south-west to north-west winds and clear weather, except very light snow along Lakes Huron, Erie, and Ontario, and in the Western portions of the Middle and Eastern States. Rainy weather has prevailed on the western Gulf coast, with brisk to high north-easterly winds on the Texas coast. The barometer has fallen in the North-west, with rising temperature, south-east and south-west winds, and generally clear weather. The rivers have continued rising at Louisville, St. Louis, and Nashville, and fallen at Pittsburg, Cincinnati, and Keokuk.

PROBABILITIES.

In the lower lakes, Middle States, and New-England, rising barometer, northwest to south-west winds, slightly warmer and generally clear weather will prevail, except lower temperature in the last district, and succeeded by south-easterly winds and falling barometer in the first.

In the upper lake region, Tennessee and Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, falling barometer, south-west to south-east winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and possibly from Nebraska and Dakota to Northern Michigan light rains or snow, and followed in the North-west by rising barometer and cold north-westerly winds.

In the Gulf States, falling barometer, winds veering to north-east and south-east, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and coast rains.

The Mississippi River will continue slowly rising at Cairo and nearly stationary at stations below.

HAND, THE FUGITIVE.

RICHMOND, Feb. 17.—James Hand, the Patterson, N. J., fugitive, was again before Judge Wellford this afternoon on habeas corpus, the hearing having been postponed yesterday. Counsel urged the discharge of the prisoner, stating that sufficient time had elapsed to have heard definitely from the New-Jersey authorities without anything being heard, and that further detention was unnecessary, if not unlawful. The court decided that the prisoner was lawfully in custody, and that he would be further held. The case was then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon. The Judge ordered that the executive officers of New Jersey be telegraphed to at once to know if a requisition had been or would be issued.

THE TEXAS ELECTIONS.

GALVESTON, Feb. 17.—Eight precincts in this city and county give a majority of 157 for the Constitution, and 2,291 majority for Coke and the Democratic State ticket. The returns from eighty-five precincts in the interior of the State give Coke and the State ticket 19,427 majority, and for the Constitution 11,975 majority. The returns are coming in slow.

WILL OF PARAN STEVENS.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Upon presentation of the first count of the will of the late Paran Stevens, the renowned hotel proprietor, in the Probate Court, the widow made written specifications of objections, and the hearing was begun to-day before Judge Ames, of the Suffolk County Probate Court. The Executors were Charles G. Stevens, Marietta R. Stevens, and John D. Melcher, of New-York.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

SINKING OF A STEAMER OFF DOVER.

FIFTY-NINE LIVES LOST—COLLISION BETWEEN THE FRANCONIA AND STRATH-CLYDE—EXPLOSION OF THE BOILERS OF THE LATTER.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Press Association furnishes the following: The steamer Franconia ran into the steamer Strath-Clyde, of Glasgow, off Dover this afternoon. The boiler of the Strath-Clyde burst, and she sank immediately. Fifty-two of her passengers were drowned. Five have been landed at Dover and four others are reported to have been saved. Smith, Sundius & Co., steamer agents, report that the Franconia has put into Dover; she had her bows stove at the water line.

LONDON, Feb. 17—Midnight.—The following particulars of the disaster have been received: The steamer Strath-Clyde, which sailed from London for Bombay, had been into Dover Bay to land her pilot. As she was steering out again about a mile from the Admiralty Pier she was caught by the strong tide, which turned her bow toward the south-east. The steamer Franconia, which was coming down the Channel, ran into her with great force on her port quarter. The collision occurred at 4:30 P. M. Two minutes afterward the boilers of the Strath-Clyde exploded and the steamer went to the bottom. The Franconia was badly damaged, but kept afloat. It is thought that all her fore-compartment plates were carried away. Two tugs immediately took her in tow. The weather was clear and the sea calm at the time of the disaster. The Dover life-boat was launched, but was unable to reach the scene in time to rescue any of the Strath Clyde's passengers or crew.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Eleven persons were saved and fifty-nine drowned on the Strath-Clyde. It is now stated that the steamer did not go down until between ten and twenty minutes after she was struck; her boilers bursting when she sank.

REPORTED RESCUE OF THIRTY MORE SURVIVORS.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The *Times* reports that the Captain of the Strath-Clyde and twenty-eight more survivors of the disaster have landed at Deal.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

PRESS CRITICISM OF THE SPANISH REPLY TO MR. FISH'S NOTE.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The *Times* this morning devotes a leading article to the recent Spanish note on the Cuban question. The writer says: "We cannot congratulate the Spanish Ministry on the force of their long and elaborate answer to the complaints of the United States. If their reply proves anything, it proves too much. The insurgents are made out so insignificant that it is difficult to understand why they were not crushed years ago. The damage done by the struggle is assumed to be so small that the complaints of America appear not only unjust, but incomprehensible. Spain speaks as if she had not merely been guiltless of oppression, but had treated the island with generosity; and, altogether, we are forced to infer that the people which has fought against so good a protector for more than seven years with indescribable bitterness must be an unparalleled compound of stupidity and wickedness. Such a line of argument lacks the first element of good advocacy, for it is not even plausible. A very slight knowledge of human nature, Spanish history, and colonial life would suffice to show that it must be fatally incomplete. When we test it by the real facts of the case it is found to omit circumstances which make the origin and continuance of the contest intelligible." The article concludes as follows: "No country seeks to interfere by force with Spain's possession of Cuba, but if she cannot govern it she would do well to consider how she could best prepare it for the freedom which always follows colonial misrule."

SPAIN.

THE CARLISTS SURROUNDED IN THE NORTH—REPORTED PROPOSITION FOR PEACE—THE CORTES.

HENDAYE, Feb. 17.—The Alfonsists encircle the Carlist positions as follows: On the east the forces under Campos are concentrated between Elizondo and the Valley of the Otzondo, in readiness for attack. On the north Navazcues' brigade is at Irun, waiting for orders to operate in the direction of Enderlaza. Another brigade is between Renteria and Oyarzun, threatening Arechuleguy. Southward an army corps, which started from Pamplona is advancing toward the mountains near Leiza. In the west Moriones occupies important positions near Tolosa.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—Upon Don Alfonso's departure for the north, before the train started Señor Canovas del Castillo read to the King a dispatch from the Spanish Consul at Bayonne announcing that the Carlist Junta intended to hold a meeting at Villafranca to propose the conclusion of peace. The Carlists are represented as panic-stricken. They lack money and provisions. Many priests and Catholic families are quitting the country.

Of the members of the new Cortes, 300 have been returned without a protest being entered against their election. In fifteen of the cases where protests have been made they are considered unimportant.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of the *Times* with the Carlists, who reported in a previous dispatch dated the 14th that the Alfonsists under Quesada had been repulsed in the battle of the 13th with the loss of 2,000 men, explains that the telegram was sent off before the battle was finished, and he now states that reinforcements afterward arrived for the Alfonsists and the Carlists were repulsed.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE RUMORS REGARDING GEN. SCHENCK—NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION IN WASHINGTON.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The rumors of the resignation of Gen. Schenck, the American Minister, continue to circulate. The *Central News* is authority for the following, which is published in this afternoon's papers here: "Gen. Schenck's resignation has been tendered and accepted. He intends to remain in London to answer any charge that may be brought against him respecting the affairs of the Emma Mine."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—No official information has been received by the President confirming the reported resignation of Minister Schenck. There is no doubt that telegraphic correspondence has been pending for some days between the Department of State and Minister Schenck concerning his probable resignation.

ELECTION OF JACOB BRIGHT.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Jacob Bright, Radical, has been elected to Parliament from Manchester, polling 22,535 votes, against 20,974 for Mr. Powell, Conservative.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

DEBATE ON THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons to-night the Merchant Shipping bill was debated. Mr. Plimsoll complained that throughout the bill the ship-owner counted for everything, the seaman for nothing. He objected strongly to the provisions concerning Courts of Survey, because they left the matter practically in the hands of the Board of Trade, which had hitherto combined the maximum of interference with the minimum of management. He declared the restrictions relative to grain and deck cargoes absolutely valueless, because of the facility with which they could be evaded. He said he would introduce amendments in committee. After further debate the bill was read a second time.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK QUESTION ADJUSTED.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—The Austrian and Hungarian Cabinets are reported to have agreed that the Austrian National Bank shall establish a Hungarian bank of issue, and guarantee the latter's notes and accept them the same as its own. This solves the principal difficulty in negotiating the renewal of the Austro-Hungarian compromise.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

THREE OF THE MURDERERS OF MR. BIRCH CAPTURED—CONFESSION OF ONE.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A telegram from Sir William Jervois, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, to the Earl of Carnarvon, the Colonial Secretary says that three of the actual murderers of Mr. Birch, the English Resident at Perak, have been captured. One of them has confessed everything. He says that nine men perpetrated the murder and he has given their names.

BELGIUM.

CARL VOGT SENTENCED TO DEATH—AN APPEAL TAKEN.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.—Carl Vogt, the murderer who was extradited from the United States, has been sentenced to death. He has appealed to the Court of Cassation. Final judgment is expected about the end of March.

GERMANY.

ARNIM SUMMONED TO TRIAL IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The *Post's* special telegram announces that Count von Arnim has been summoned to Berlin to stand trial on a charge of treason for publishing the pamphlet *Pro Nihilo*. It is said that the Count has decided to disobey the summons.

WINSLOW.

THE FAMILY OF THE FORGER ON THE WAY TO LONDON.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 17.—The wife, son, and sister of Winslow, the Boston forger, leave for London at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS—REPUBLICANS VICTORIOUS IN A LARGE PORTION OF THE STATE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The returns from the State of the local elections held on Tuesday last show that a light vote has been polled in comparison with the figures which re-elected Hartranft last November. The central, northern, and north-eastern sections show heavy Republican gains. In Philadelphia, which saved Hartranft from defeat last November, the strength of the Republican Party was not brought out. Harrisburg, Dauphin County, which last year gave Patterson, Republican, for Mayor, 133 majority, this year gives over 1,100. Like gains are shown throughout the county. In the north-eastern sections of the State, Allentown, Lehigh County, elected the Mayor and gave Republican majorities in the City Councils. The retiring officials are all Democrats. W. H. Shultz, Republican, was chosen Chief Burgess of Easton. The City Council will stand eleven Republicans to ten Democrats. All the officers last year were Democrats. Even in Democratic Scranton the Republicans made a good showing. Last year McKune, Democrat, was elected Mayor by 629 over Wilson, Republican, while on Tuesday, Fuller, Democrat, for City Treasurer, received only about three hundred majority. In Norristown, Gov. Hartranft's home, the Republicans were successful in every office except two.

Coming to the inland cities and counties, Lancaster, which last February gave Stauffer, Republican, for Mayor, 448 majority, shows a reduced Republican majority on the local ticket, occasioned by dissatisfaction. The party here was split by the "Little Pilgrims" and the "Independents." Olmstead for Lieutenant Governor in 1874 had but 109 majority in Lancaster City. Reading shows a very light vote, Henry A. Tyson, (Dem.,) being chosen Controller. Last Spring Evans, Republican, for Mayor, received 297 majority. In Pottsville, Schuylkill County, M. B. Bell was re-elected Chief Burgess; the Republicans making very good gains throughout the county, which last Spring gave Powell, Democrat, for Mayor, 490 majority, elected Col. Starkweather, Republican, to that position by over 100. The Republicans here gained considerably in this section, which last Fall was considered rather shaky for Hartranft. The currency question, boom bill, and measures relating to the lumber regions, have held the party in check here. George Delemater, Republican, for Mayor, has 280 majority over Henry Church in Meadville. The vote here was the largest ever cast, and Republican gains are the result. In Titusville the Republicans elected D. H. Mitchell for Mayor, being the first office they have secured for three years. The gains thereabouts are large. Last February William Rawle, Republican, for Mayor of Erie, received 2,500 votes, there being no opposition. This year J. W. Hammond, Republican, is elected Mayor by a small majority, the Republicans holding their own, but making no gains. The Republicans carried Pittsburg and Allegheny Cities on Tuesday by small majorities, but little interest being manifested in the result. Last February, Magee, Democrat, was chosen Mayor of Pittsburg by 3,416 majority over McKee, Independent, while in 1874 McCarthy, Republican, defeated Guthrie, Democrat, for Mayor by 1,071. In Montouraville, Montour County, the contest turned on a question of reform. Israel Buck was elected Burgess, and a Reform Town Council chosen. In Emporium the Democrats elected their Burgess, four of the six Councilmen, Judge, and Inspector of Elections, and the two Assistant Assessors. The Republicans elected two Councilmen, Constable, and Collector, High and Borough Constables, Auditor, and Assessor.

In Hummelstown, a Republican stronghold, C. A. Nissely was elected Chief Burgess, Daniel Bolton, Assessor, H. Wells, Burrough Constable, all Republicans, and Richard Wall, a Democrat, was elected Auditor. The Democrats elected two out of the six Councilmen in Johnstown, Cambria County. Judge George W. Early, Citizens' candidate, was elected Burgess unanimously. On Friday the Republicans elected the rest of the borough officers, including Jacob Wefts and L. A. Dill for School Directors, and James Eldridge Auditor. In Conemaugh Borough, Cambria County, a Citizens' ticket was chosen almost unanimously.

EX-GOV. MOSES' IMPEACHMENT.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—The articles of impeachment of Judge Montgomery Moses were formally read before the Senate to-day, and to-morrow was fixed for the trial. Moses will demand thirty days to prepare his defense.

POLITICS IN THE WEST.

THE INFLATIONISTS OF ILLINOIS.

A CONVENTION OF INDEPENDENTS HELD AT DECATUR—AN OFFICE-SEEKERS' GATHERING—THE TICKET NOMINATED AND THE PLATFORM ADOPTED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The Independent or Inflation Convention of Illinois was held in Decatur yesterday. It was in the main a queer gathering of peculiar politicians, one-half of whom were prospective candidates, and the balance all at sea at first as to the principles and the men they would indorse. The delegates, of whom there were about 200, represented the Independent or Granger element, with the exception, perhaps, of the delegation from Cook County, assembled in the forenoon at the Decatur Opera-house, and held as harmonious a meeting as was possible for men with so much diversity of sentiment and local prejudices. The Democrats had laid their plans for the nomination of Hon. A. A. Glenn, the present Lieutenant Governor, for Governor; but when it became evident in the caucus that Glenn's chances were worth nothing, the Democrats espoused the cause of Flagg, while the Kewanee County delegates brought out Lewis Steward, of Kendall County, and the contest narrowed itself down to these latter two men. The convention got into working order with W. C. Flagg, of Marion, as chairman, and about the first thing done was the selection of a State Central Committee, the Chairman being James Springer, of Cook County. Delegates to the National Convention to be held in Indianapolis were then elected, each district having the privilege of choosing two, with alternates. Four delegates at large were also selected.

By this time the Committee on Platform submitted the following, which was adopted after considerable debate:

Resolved, That the preservation of our national life imperatively demands that every American voter shall attend with care to all primary nominations, and the election of competent and honest men to all offices in the gift of the people.

Resolved, That we demand the immediate reform of abuses in the civil service, through which patronage of the Government is dispensed as a reward for partisan service, rather than with regard to the public necessities.

Resolved. That we are in favor of improving and perfecting the navigation of our lakes and rivers, and water connections, as soon as it can be possibly done.

Resolved, That we demand a repeal of the specie resumption and the National Bank acts, and the substitution of legal paper money for the National Bank circulation, the perfecting of the monetary system, based upon the faith and the resources of the nation, and adapted to the demands of legitimate business, which money shall be a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, duties on imports included, except that portion of the interest and principal of the present public debt that is by the express terms of the law creating it made payable in metallic money; this money to be made interchangeable at the option of holders with registered Government bonds, bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 3.65 per cent. per annum.

Resolved, That as the tendency of much of the legislation of Congress has been to enhance the value of the interest-bearing bonds of the Government, and to depreciate the value of the equally sacred obligations issued to the people as their circulating medium; therefore we demand in all future legislation legal and exact justice to all classes.

Resolved, That we demand the reserving of the public lands, the heritage of the people, for the actual settler, and not another acre for railroads or speculators.

Resolved, That we demand the abrogation of all laws that do not bear equally on capital and labor; the removal of the unjust technicalities, delays, and discriminations in the administration and adoption of the measures providing for the health and safety of those engaged in the mining, manufacturing, and building pursuits.

Resolved, That the right of the Legislature to regulate and control railroads and other corporations by State laws must be vindicated, established, and maintained as an essential of state Government.

Resolved, That we demand the reduction of all public expenditures, to the end that taxation may be reduced to the lowest possible limits.

The speakers, who took occasion to vent their views on the platform of principles, held all legislation for the payment of bonds in gold to be class legislation, and a thing to be denounced by the people at large. The Supreme Court had decided greenbacks to be money, and there was no going behind the Court. The Convention then proceeded to the nominations. That of Governor created considerable excitement, there being four candidates in the field. On the first ballot, however, Lewis Steward, of Kendall County, was nominated by a large vote. At the evening session the nomination of a State ticket was concluded. The choice for Lieutenant Governor fell upon J. H. Pickerell, of Macon County; for Secretary of State, M. M. Hooton, of Marion; for Auditor, John Hise, of Chicago; for Treasurer, Henry T. Aspen, of Champaign; for Attorney General, W. S. Coy. At the conclusion of this portion of the proceedings Mr. Murphy, of Cook County, presented a resolution denouncing convict labor in the State Penitentiary, and it was adopted. A resolution recommending a reduction in the tolls on the Illinois and Michigan Canal was also adopted. The convention then adjourned.

Lewis Steward, the nominee for Governor, is fifty years old, and was a War Democrat. He has for years been engaged in manufacturing agricultural implements. His acceptance of the nomination has not yet been received. Pickerell is a cattle breeder, Hooton a farmer, Aspen a stock man, Hise a Chicago politician, and Coy a lawyer. It is an undisguised fact that the Independents were completely captured by the Democrats. Gov. Glenn was the Democratic first choice for Governor should the Independents nominate any one but Steward. In the event of the latter's nomination, they were to indorse him at the Democratic Convention when it should meet and avoid a collision with what they feared would be too heavy a body. Not getting Glenn, they were to fill up the balance of the ticket with Democrats, and in this they succeeded. In this they were aided by a half-dozen Republican wire-pullers, who wanted to get a ticket as obnoxious as possible to their own party.

THE INFLATIONISTS OF INDIANA.

THE CONVENTION AT INDIANAPOLIS—A "NON-EXPORTABLE" CURRENCY—GREENBACKS TO BE PRINTED AND "LADLED OUT"—POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEETING.

From Our Special Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1876.

On arriving from New-York early to-day, in the gray dawn of a snowy morning, the first view of an outpost of the Greenback Convention, which was to assemble in the Academy of Music at 10 o'clock, was not encouraging. Going into my hotel, I met in the corridor a person of granger-like appearance, who had evidently been helping the adjacent barkeeper all night in the circulation of greenbacks. This person, seeing my carpet-bag, accosted me with, "Are you a delegate?" Answering in the negative, he came back with, "Ain't you in favor of greenbacks?" To this I replied that there was nothing I so much desired as a sufficiency of greenbacks for my individual use. His eyes sparkled as he replied, "That's it exactly. That's sound. Now, how are we to get enough of greenbacks? Let the Government print 'em and ladle 'em out. That's our plan. We're having this show to make 'em do it." Having this financial information I left the Greenbacker with the reflection that while the incident might not be the key-note of the convention, it should not be passed by as entirely without suggestion.

At 10 o'clock the Academy was found cold, cheerless, and empty. At 10:30 there were no increase in heat, but there was a score or two of spectators in the gallery, some three hundred delegates on the floor, and fifteen gentlemen besides the reporters on the spacious stage. The appearance of the delegates certainly proved that they were in urgent need of more greenbacks, but they did not look as though they had bestowed any intense study upon the subject of finance, or that if they did, that they would ever be able to make any substantial progress in that abstruse science. Perhaps it was the freezing atmosphere of the hall that kept the convention so quiet and melancholy. Certainly it was the most orderly of all possible conventions during its preliminary stages. Mr. E. Oilleman, Chairman of the State Committee, having called the convention to order, informed the delegates that the eyes not only of Indiana but of the nation were upon them, and then, in accordance with the prepared programme, named Hon. Angus Walcott, of White, who was, of course, elected. Mr. Walcott, on taking the Chair, made a long speech, filled with the usual conditions of the Greenbackers, the gist of which was contained in the declaration that the best money was a domestic money not based upon coin, as it would thus be non-exportable, and be kept at home. He, however, neglected to inform the convention that he had some years ago deserted the Republican Party because he had been unable to obtain any vote but his own for United States Senator. But Mr. Walcott is an honest, clever, gentleman personally, and as he made a passably good presiding officer, the convention probably did not care to have an unpleasant past dug up. When Mr. Walcott concluded the convention proceeded to name delegates at large to the National Greenback Convention, and then Presidential electors at large. After this came a deluge of resolutions from all parts of the hall, containing all sorts of financial vagaries, all of which were referred to the committee without debate, although three or four gentlemen tried very hard to get in a word edgeways. The committee went out and there was a painful pause, made more painful by the still increasing cold. But in a surprisingly short time, considering the elaborate platform reported, the committee came back, and the delegates tried to warm themselves by cheering the financial portion. The platform as unanimously adopted was as follows:

We, the independent people of Indiana, being impressed with the necessity of a unity of action to secure a reform in the administration of the affairs of state, the better to secure relief to the toiling masses against the extravagance and corruptions that have entered into every department of government, and to secure such a radical change of the financial policy as shall inure to the benefit of all classes of American citizens alike, do hereby make declaration of our principles and invite the co-operation and support of all true men.

First—We demand the immediate and unconditional repeal of the specie resumption act of Jan. 14, 1875.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Government to establish a monetary system based upon the faith and resources of the nation, in harmony with the genius of this Government, and adapted to the demands of legitimate business.

Resolved, That the circulating notes of all national and State banks, as well as all local currency, should be withdrawn from circulation, and a paper money issued by the Government in payment of and exchange for its obligations, directly to the people, without the intervention of any system of banking corporations.

Resolved, That such money shall be a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, duties on imports included (except that portion of the interest and principal of the public debt that is by the express terms of the law creating it made payable in metallic money shall so be paid;) this money to be interchangeable at the option of the holders with registered Government bonds bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 3.65 per cent. per annum.

We demand that the present bonded debt of the country be refunded, as speedily as possible, into registered, interchangeable bonds, that shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 3.65 per cent. per annum.

That as the public domain is the rightful heritage of the people, it should not be distributed to speculators or corporations, but reserved for actual settlers, and we favor the giving to each of the Union soldiers of the late war 160 acres of said land of the public domain, without the condition of actual occupation.

We demand and insist upon severe retrenchment and economy in all branches of the public service.

R. M. HAZELRIT, Chairman.

B. F. JONES, Secretary.

We recommend the adoption of this resolution, independent of the platform:

Resolved, That while we regard the attempt to drag the common school question into the coming campaign as unnecessary, yet we do not hesitate to declare it as our well-considered opinion that the fund set apart by the State for educational purposes should ever remain one and undivided, and that no part of it should ever be devoted to the maintenance of any sectarian or denominational school whatever.

By this time the atmosphere in the hall had got so near the freezing point that the remaining business was hurried through without ceremony. The nomination for Governor being in order, Hon. Franklin Landers, of Marion, was chosen. Mr. Landers has become famous during the present session of Congress as the "Great Unrecognized," because of his repeated failures to get the eye of Speaker Kerr in order to introduce his greenback resolutions. A telegram from Mr. Landers, saying he would rise or fall by greenbacks, having been read, the convention selected its presiding officer, Mr. Walcott, for Lieutenant Governor, and in like manner chose Le Roy Templeton, of Benton, for Secretary of State. The first contest was on Auditor, but on the first ballot Morris N. Bundy, of Henry, was named by a large majority. The great fight, however, and the most significant incident to this point, was over the contest for State Treasurer. Up to this point the only thing which put any life into the body was the boisterous persistence of an old gentleman in demanding of any one named for an office to present himself on the stage before the vote was taken and promise to support the platform and ticket; the only exception he would allow was in the case of Landers, and he continued to make a row about him even until the telegram about rising and falling was read.

But, as before intimated, the convention ceased shivering and became warm only when the Treasurership was reached. Mr. Lofton, of Marion, was first on his feet, and named Col. B. C. Shaw, in whose behalf he delivered a fervent eulogy, but neglected to add that he is the present Democratic incumbent of the office. This omission was soon filled by the anxiety of a delegate, who asked the question and the fact came out, and there was trouble immediately. Several delegates wanted to know whether Col. Shaw was to run as an Independent, as the Greenbackers now call themselves or as a Democrat. In response an adroit letter was read from the Treasurer, but its effect was spoiled by an excited delegate declaring that they did not want to put a horse on the track until they knew what colors he was to bear, and a still more excited delegate averring that last evening Col. Shaw had said that if he were tendered the Democratic nomination he should accept it. Then there was a storm. Many delegates shouted that Democrats or Republicans were not wanted—that Independents were required. The end of it was that Lofton, with a few of his friends, bolted, after having withdrawn the name of Shaw, and that J. Q. A. Newson, of Bartholomew, who was the opposing candidate, was nominated by acclamation. This episode being ended, nominations for Attorney General were called, but, the convention being nearly frozen, they were laid over until after recess, and only a moment's pause was had to enable James Buchanan, the Indiana greenback engineer, to present and have unanimously adopted a resolution declaring Hon. Newton Booth, of California, the choice of the Independents of Indiana for President of the United States. Then the convention hastily adjourned to thaw out.

This was the convention in its material points on the surface, and its real nature was not, in one sense, difficult to discover. It was in every essential sense a convention of soreheads; of men who in the remote and recent past have sought to cripple the Republican party because they were not given office. As a sample, Mr. Oilaman, Chairman of the State Committee, can be cited, who is known in the State politics as "Weary Oilaman," for the reason that about four years ago he wrote to Hon. John Coburn that he was weary of waiting for the office of Collector of the Indianapolis District. From what transpired on the floor of the convention and from what appeared outside, it was plain that a majority of the so-called delegates formerly claimed to be Republicans, but it was also apparent that the greenback movement is, and is intended to be, nothing more than a tail to the Democratic kite, or a bid of disappointed office-seekers for office. My own opinion is that it is the latter, and a few facts seem to confirm it. There is a general concession that the present so-called Independent movement is the dying struggle of the Grangers in this State. When the Grangers last ran a State ticket they polled some 17,000 votes, thus holding the balance of power and giving the State to the Democrats, but gaining nothing for themselves either in the way of office or in any recognition of their professed principles. Possibly the leaders have become disgusted with Democracy and are prepared to do it what damage they can, but as yet there is nothing to prove it. There are many Republicans as well as Democrats stricken with the greenback lunacy. There are so large a majority of the former in favor of the repeal of the Resumption act that many are carried further, and it is hoped, if not to carry them into the Democratic camp entirely, to at least force them to give aid and comfort to that party. That to control this vote, or at least to attempt to do it, in the Democratic interest, cannot be doubted; whether it can be done or not the future will show. It must be added, however, that the true Republicans of Indiana, so far as I have yet been able to converse with them, do not appear to be in the least frightened by this movement. They say, without exception, that the greenback movement of to-day cannot compare in magnitude with the Granger movement of two years ago. Many go further, and say that it is a two-edged sword that if kept in the fight may give the Republicans a slight wound, but will give Democracy its death blow. Until the nominations are made by all the parties and the contest formally opened, these and kindred subjects must remain matters of speculation, and it is hardly prudent to give as fact what is of necessity mere conjecture.

TRIAL OF GEN. BABCOCK.

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Joyce, and that it had been sent over the wires, there was no proof that the defendant had received it, or, if he did receive it, that he knew from whom it came, and there was no proof that it was ever answered.

James Magill, a letter-carrier, then testified. In the latter part of February, 1875, I was coming down Pine street, near Fifth; Mr. Joyce accosted me, and said there were two letters in the street letter-box which he wished to get back; he pointed to the box on the south-west corner of Fifth and Pine; I asked Col. Joyce to describe the letters before I opened the box; he said one was addressed to W. O. Avery, Washington, D. C., and marked "personal" in the corner, and the other was to O. E. Babcock, Washington, D. C., and also marked personal; I opened the box, although it was off my district, and searched among the letters, and I found the two and handed them to Col. Joyce.

Mr. Storrs—Did you get a receipt?

Witness—No, Sir.

Mr. Storrs—Isn't it customary?

Witness—Yes, it is; I said, "Look here, Colonel, I want a receipt; if you want to put them in the mail again I will go with you and see it done."

Mr. Storrs—What did he say?

Witness—He said, "Oh, that's all right—hunkidori," or something like that—"It's only a blind."

Mr. Storrs—Is it frequent to give letters back?

Witness—No, Sir.

Mr. Storrs—You sometimes do it?

Witness—On a business route it is frequent; that is, letters are put in and the parties have forgot an inclosure, or something like that, and they are returned to them.

Mr. Storrs—Did you report that matter to the Post Office?

Witness—No, Sir.

Mr. Storrs—Why?

Witness—Well, I thought it was so frivolous that there was not any need of saying anything about it.

Mr. Storrs—Did you usually report?

Witness—I usually carried blanks in my satchel, which I had parties sign who wanted letters back, and then I completed the writing.

Mr. Storrs—How did you happen to remember the time this occurred?

Witness—I was house-hunting about that time; I had been looking around four or five days for a house; I had just been to the Polytechnic looking for a man who I had heard had a house; I was on my way down to make a collection; it was my day to collect for seven other carriers.

The cross-examination of this witness was long, sharp, and thorough. Witness had been mail-carrier five years; never gave letters to Col. Joyce at any other time; it was a frequent thing to return letters on business routes; recollected the circumstances particularly, because it was off his beat; had opened boxes frequently on business streets and returned letters, but he could not recollect the names of any persons for whom he had done it.

AN OBLIGING MAIL CARRIER.

When pressed very closely, witness said he had returned a letter to George W. Fishback; had returned them to many business houses on Main street, but could not swear to any particular firm. He was repeatedly pressed to recollect the name of anybody else for whom he had taken letters out of boxes, but he could not remember one; he carried blank receipts; had blank receipts with him when he gave the letters to Joyce, but Joyce refused to give him a receipt, saying, "Oh, that is all right," "hunkidori," or something of that sort; "it's only a blind;" it occurred on the last day of February, 1875, at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon; did not tell the Postmaster about the matter, nor any one else about the Post Office; mentioned the matter first last Saturday night to his wife; had been reading in the papers the testimony of Mr. Everest about putting letters in a letter-box, and recollected he had given Joyce just such letters; ruminated over the matter a while and then told his wife; the next evening, (Sunday,) after going off duty, went to the Lindell Hotel, saw Gen. Babcock and told him the circumstance, and Babcock sent him to Judge Porter, to whom he repeated his story. He gave full details of the matter to no one but Storrs and Porter outside his own family; no one had been to see him about it before he went to the Lindell Hotel; he consulted with no one but his wife; he repeated the addresses of letters to Joyce and O. E. Babcock and Col. W. O. Avery. He would not admit that he had talked about the matter to anybody except some letter-carriers at the Post Office to-day. Col. Dyer pressed him very hard, but he would not acknowledge he had any intercourse or conversation with any other than those mentioned above. Finally the witness went into a long account of his various occupations since he had lived in the city, but gave nothing more bearing on the case. The prosecution will offer testimony in rebuttal of this evidence to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs then asked for the deposition of the President, which was produced by the Clerk, and it was read by Judge Porter. Several objections had been made to questions and answers, Judge Hoadley, during the noon recess, looked it over and marked the objections overruled or sustained, leaving this deposition, however, it is said, very nearly in the same form as it was originally, and is as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S DEPOSITION.

The following is the President's deposition in full as filed in the United States Circuit Court in the case of Gen. Babcock:

In the Circuit Court of the United States, Eastern District of Missouri.—The United States vs. Orville E. Babcock. Transcript of stenographer's notes of the deposition of U. S. Grant taken for the defendant, taken at Washington, February, 1876.

Direct examination by Mr. Cook:

Q.—How long have you known Gen. Babcock, and how intimately? A.—I have known him since 1863; we first met during the Vicksburg campaign in that year; since March, 1864, I have known him intimately.

Q.—Please state in what various capacities he has been employed, and what positions he has held since 1863. A.—From about March, 1864, to the 4th of March, 1865, he was aid de camp on my military staff; since that time up to the time of his indictment he has been acting as my private secretary, and in addition to that for several years he has been Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Q.—As your private secretary, please state what were his general duties? A.—His general duties were to carry communications from the President to Congress, to have the supervision over all of the correspondence, particularly of official correspondence, and in his capacity of private secretary he received my mails, opened my letters and read them. In regard to many of them, he gave directions to the departments without reference to me, and such as required any action or answer from me he submitted to me.

Q.—His relations with you were confidential?

A.—Very.

Q.—Do you know whether, during the period of time that Gen. Babcock has been your private secretary, he has been frequently applied to by persons throughout the country to lay their special matters before you or before the various departments?

Counsel for the prosecution objects to the question as irrelevant and incompetent to the issues in the case.

A.—That was the frequent and you might say almost daily occurrence.

Q.—Are you aware, so far as you have observed with reference to the public interest, has Gen. Babcock discharged his duties as your private secretary?

Objected to by counsel for the prosecution as immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—I have always regarded him as most efficient and most faithful.

Q.—Are you acquainted with the general reputation of Gen. Babcock in the city where he has lived, among his associates and his acquaintances, in the Army and elsewhere, for honesty and integrity?

A.—I suppose that I might say that I have been acquainted with his general reputation in the Army and where he is known; where he has lived since; and while I cannot say anything about it, but I suppose myself to be acquainted with the reputation he has in the Army and in this city.

Q.—Now state, if you please, what his general reputation is and has been? A.—I have always supposed it to be good; if twelve years' intimate association with a man gives one an opportunity of judging of the people think of him, I certainly have had a good opportunity not only of knowing his character myself, but of knowing the reputation he sustains.

Q.—And from these opportunities what has been his reputation? A.—Good.

Q.—Were you acquainted with C. W. Ford, of St. Louis, in his lifetime, and what, if any, position did he hold at the time of his death? A.—I was intimately acquainted with Mr. Ford; first in the State of New-York when I was a Lieutenant in the Army; he was then a young lawyer, living in the same town where I was stationed; then from 1854 to 1860 we were both living in St. Louis County, and our relations were intimate from 1854 up to the day of his death; he was connected with the United States Express Company in St. Louis, and from 1868, (but I will not be sure about that,) to his death he was Collector of Internal Revenue of the First Collection District of Missouri.

Q.—State what, if any, applications were made at the time of his decease as to the appointment of his successor?

Question objected to by counsel for the prosecution as unnecessary, irrelevant, and incompetent.

A.—It will be impossible for me to remember all of the applications that were made for the place. I do remember, however, of Gen. Babcock bringing me a dispatch that was addressed to him from John A. Joyce, practically applying for the place.

Answer objected to by counsel for the prosecution unless the telegram is produced.

Q.—Have you that dispatch? A.—I have not.

Q.—Do you know where it is personally? A.—No; I suppose it could be found. I think very likely either Gen. Babcock's counsel or the District Attorney at St. Louis has it.

Q.—Were there any requests or communications with regard to the appointment of Mr. Ford's successor emanating from his sureties?

Objected to by counsel for the prosecution as immaterial, irrelevant, and incompetent.

A.—When Gen. Babcock showed me that dispatch from John A. Joyce I said to him that, Mr. Ford having died very suddenly, and away from home, I should be appointing largely in selecting his successor by the recommendations or wishes of his bondsmen; that I thought they were entitled at least to approve of the appointment of the man who should go in and settle up the affairs of his office.

Answer objected to by counsel for the prosecution on the ground that it is incompetent for the witness to state conversations between himself and the defendant of the nature given.

Q.—What did you ultimately decide to do with reference to the appointment, and to whom, if to any one, did you decide to leave the naming of his successor?

Objected to by counsel for the prosecution as irrelevant and incompetent.

A.—That was answered in my answer to the previous question.

Q.—Whom did the bondsmen actually recommend?

Objected to as incompetent and irrelevant.

A.—Constantine Maguire.

Q.—And on whose recommendation exclusively was he appointed? A.—I could not say on whose recommendation exclusively; he was well recommended and satisfactory to the bondsmen of Mr. Ford.

Answer objected to by counsel for the prosecution unless the recommendations, if in writing, are produced.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock ever in any way, directly or indirectly, urge or request, or seek to influence the appointment of Mr. Maguire, or did he ever exchange a word with you on the subject which indicated that he desired his appointment?

Objected to on the ground of irrelevancy and incompetency. The witness cannot state conversations between himself and defendant.

A.—I do not think he ever did; I do not think he was aware of the existence of Constantine Maguire before his recommendation.

Q.—Did you inform Gen. Babcock that you intended to leave the name of Ford's successor to his bondsmen, and did you request him so to notify these parties.

Objected to on the ground of irrelevancy and incompetency; the question is answered in a previous answer.

Q.—It embraces, perhaps, this addition, Did you request him to notify the parties? Same objection as to previous question. A.—That part I don't remember; it was not expected or thought of that this would ever become a matter of investigation, and therefore my memory would not be accurate.

Q.—Are the telegrams now shown you the ones received in relation to the appointment of Mr. Maguire?

Objected to as immaterial and incompetent, and because the papers do not purport to be originals.

A.—I have no doubt that these are the dispatches or copies of the dispatches that I received, or if not, telegrams similar in tenor to those that were received.

The papers were marked exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

A.—There is a letter, Mr. President, connected with these telegrams dated Jan. 4, 1876, from D. D. Pratt, Commissioner. Will you be kind enough to explain how that letter was received by you, and what connection it had with the telegrams?

Objected to as immaterial, irrelevant, and incompetent.

A.—The note from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is in answer to a request for me to be furnished with telegrams recommending Maguire to the office of Collector.

Answer objected to by prosecution as incompetent and immaterial.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock, so far as you know, ever seek in any way to influence your action in reference to any charge made, or proposed to be made, against Joyce or McDonald, or either of them?

Objected to as incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—I do not remember of his ever speaking to me on the subject at all; he certainly took no lively interest in the matter, or I should have remembered it.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock, so far as you know, ever seek in any way to influence your action with reference to any investigation or alleged whisky frauds in St. Louis or elsewhere?

Objected to as immaterial, irrelevant and incompetent.

A.—He did not; possibly I might state right here that I remember but one instance of his ever talking to me at all about the operations of whisky men, except since he has been indicted, and then it was simply to say to me that he had asked Mr. Douglass why it was that they threatened all their officials as though they were dishonest persons by sending spies to watch them, and asking why they could not make inspections somewhat as they do in the Army—send a man of character to these distilleries, and take their books and make a report that could be relied on; I believe that he simply told me that he had said this to Mr. Douglas.

Answer objected to by prosecution as immaterial and incompetent in stating conversations between the accused and witness.

Q.—Do you remember the circumstance of Gen. McDonald being in the City of Washington on the 7th of December, 1874? A.—I do not remember the particular date; I remember the time in question.

Q.—If I understand you correctly Gen. Babcock's conception was that in making the investigation it would be wiser to have it done by men of superior character than by men of inferior and suspicious character?

Objected to by the prosecution as immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you ride with him on or about that date or occasion, and was anything said then by him to you with reference to the investigation of alleged frauds in his district?

Objected to by the prosecution as irrevelant and immaterial. Conversations between John McDonald and witness are not admissible in any theory of this case.]

A.—I did pick him up on the sidewalk as I was taking a drive, and invited him to get in and drive with me. I have no recollection of a single word of conversation on any matter touching his official position or business.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock, at or about that time, say anything to your knowledge; did he in any way undertake to prevent them?

Same objections as to previous question.

A.—I have no recollection of his saying anything about that; he certainly did not intercede with me to prevent them.

Q.—Do you remember the circumstances of the promulgation of any order transferring the various Supervisors from their own to other districts?

Same objections as to previous question.

A.—I do.

Q.—State fully with whom the idea upon which that order was based originated, and the particulars of the reasons which induced you to direct it. Same objection.

A.—Some time while Mr. Richardson was Secretary of the Treasury—I think, at all events, before Mr. Bristow became Secretary of the Treasury—Mr. Douglass expressed the idea to me that it would be a good plan to occasionally change the Supervisors around from one district to another, and I expressed myself favorably to it, but it was not done then and not thought of any more, but when it became evident that the Treasury was being defrauded of a portion of the revenue that it should receive from the distillation of spirits in the West, Secretary Bristow called on me and made a general statement of his suspicions, and I then suggested to him this idea. On that suggestion the order making the transfers of Supervisors was made. At that time I did not understand that there was any suspicion at all of the officials, but I knew that each one of the officials had his own way of transacting his business; that these distillers have so much pecuniary interest in deceiving the officials would learn their ways and learn how to evade them; and that the only way by putting new Supervisors acquainted with their duties over them, their crooked ways would be detected. Those are the views I had and the reasons why I suggested the change.

Answer objected to by counsel for the prosecution as incompetent. The reasons why the order was made are not material.

Q.—Can you state whether Mr. Douglass, at that time Commissioner of Internal Revenue, was aware of the fact that you had suggested or made the order?

Same objections as to previous question.

A.—I do not know.

Q.—So far as you personally know? A.—I do not know that he knew anything about it.

Q.—After the order had been finally issued, were any efforts made to induce you to direct its revocation or suspension?

Same objection as to the previous question.

A.—Most strenuous efforts were made.

Q.—Were such efforts made by prominent public men?

Same objection as to previous question.

A.—They were.

Q.—Did you resist the pressure that was made upon you for the revocation or suppression of the order, and if you finally decided to direct the revocation of that order, will you please state why you were induced to do so, and by whom?

Objected to as immaterial and irrelevant and incompetent.

A.—I resisted the effort to have the order revoked until I became convinced that it should be revoked or suspended in the interest of detecting frauds that had already been committed; in a conversation with Supervisor Tutton he stated to me that if the object of that order was to detect frauds that had already been committed, he thought it would fail; he said this order went into effect on the 15th of February; this was in January when we were talking; that it gave the distillers who had been defrauding the Treasury nearly three weeks' notice to get their houses in order, and to be prepared to receive the new Supervisors; that the new Supervisors would probably go into the district where frauds might have been committed, and he would find everything in good order, and would so report; that the order might possibly and probably would result in stopping the frauds at least for a time, but would not lead to the detection of those that had already been committed; he said, if the order was revoked it would be looked upon as a triumph by those who had been defrauding the Treasury; it would throw them off their guard, and he could then send special agents of the Treasury out to these suspected distilleries; we could send good men, such as one he mentioned—Mr. Brooks; he said they could go out and not be known to the distillers, and before they would be aware of it their ways would be discovered, the proofs would be all complete, and then they could seize their distilleries and them, and prosecute them; I was so convinced that his argument was good, and that it was in the interest of punishing frauds that this order should be suspended, that I told them I should suspend it immediately, without any further consultation with anybody; I gave the directions for the suspension of the order making the transfers; my recollection is that I wrote the directions for the order on a card with a pencil, certainly before leaving my office that afternoon, and on that the order went to the Treasury, signed by one of my Secretaries.

Counsel for the prosecution objected to all conversation with Supervisor Tutton and to the statement of the contents of any written document.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock ever in any way, directly or indirectly, seem to influence your action in reference to that order?

Objected to by the prosecution as immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—I do not think he ever did; I do not remember him ever speaking to me about it or exhibiting any interest in the matter.

Q.—From anything that he ever said or did, did you know whether he desired that the order should be revoked or suspended?

Same objection as the previous question.

A.—That, I think, is already fully answered.

Q.—Has Gen. Babcock, so far as you know, or any one for him, undertaken to prevent a full or any investigation of his alleged connection with what is known as the "Whisky Ring" at St. Louis or elsewhere?

Objected to by counsel for prosecution as irrelevant, as calling for the judgment of the witness, not for the acts of the accused.

A.—To my knowledge he has not; Gen. Babcock has complained very bitterly of his treatment after the speech of Mr. Henderson in the Avery trial was delivered.

Prosecution objects to any statements made by the accused to witness.

Q.—Since his indictment, has any effort been made, to your knowlege, to dismiss the indictment found against him, or to enter a *nolle prosequi*, or to in any way interfere with or prevent his trial?

Same objection as to previous question.

A.—No.

Q.—Has Gen. Babcock, so far as you know, ever used any effort with yourself or with any one else to prevent the finding of indictments against any person suspected of complicity with the Whisky Ring at St. Louis?

Same objection as to the previous question.

A.—No.

Q.—Since the finding of these indictments against those persons has Gen. Babcock, so far as you know, ever exhibited any desire to interfere with or prevent the trial, or exhibit any interest, any wish in that direction?

Objected to by the prosecution as incompetent and immaterial, and as calling for the judgment of the witness on the acts and conduct of the accused.

A.—Not to my knowledge.

Q.—At the time the Court of Inquiry was called at Gen. Babcock's request, was it so understood by yourself, or far as you know by him, that no indictments would be found against him? If so, why did you so understand?

Objected to as immaterial, irrelevant, and incompetent.

A.—No indictment had been found against him. I supposed none would be, because I understood from the Attorney General that the Grand Jury, which was then in session, would adjourn in a day or two. That was the only course left to him then, apparently, at the time he made the request.

Counsel for prosecution objects to statements or information derived from the Attorney General.

Q.—Was not that court called because it was supposed that Attorney General could have no other way of vindicating himself?

Objected to by the prosecution as leading and incompetent.

A.—I so understood.

Q.—Was it not called very soon after he was informed that he could not be heard as a witness in that case?

Objected to as immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—I cannot say any further than his dispatch to the District Attorney asking to be heard.

Q.—Do you know whether he was anxious to appear as a witness in that case?

Objected to as immaterial and irrelevant.

A.—I cannot say any further than his dispatch to the District Attorney asking to be heard.

Q.—Do you know whether he did send a dispatch to the District Attorney for the purpose of being a witness in that case.

Objected to by counsel for the prosecution as immaterial, and the dispatch should be produced.

A.—I know he must have done so because I saw the answer which he received from the District Attorney.

Answer objected to, as the dispatch of the District Attorney should be produced as the best evidence.

Q.—So far as you know, what was the substance of the answer of the District Attorney, Mr. Dyer, to the telegrams of Gen. Babcock desiring to appear as a witness in the Avery case?

Objected to by the counsel for the prosecution as irrelevant, immaterial, and calling for secondary evidence.

A.—He, in substance, informed him that there would be no more criminal prosecutions till I think, some time in the following month; I do not remember the date accurately.

Q.—And I presume his desire could not be complied with? A.—It amounted to a statement that his desire could not be complied with.

Answer objected to by the counsel for the prosecution for the same reasons as applied to the question.

Q.—Have you ever seen anything in the conduct of Gen. Babcock, or has he ever said anything to you which indicated to your mind that he was in any way interested or connected with the Whisky Ring at St. Louis or elsewhere?

Objected to by the counsel for the prosecution as immaterial, incompetent, and calling for the judgment of the witness on the act of the defendant.

A.—Never.

Q.—In what manner, as regards the public interests, and as evincing his fidelity and integrity, has he performed his duties as your private secretary?

Same objection as to the previous question.

A.—Always to my entire and full satisfaction.

Q.—Have you in any form observed or learned anything in connection with Gen. Babcock's conduct which has tended to diminish your confidence in his fidelity and integrity, and is that confidence in his fidelity and integrity still unimpaired and undiminished?

Same objection as the next preceding question.

A.—I always had great confidence in his integrity and his efficiency, and as yet my confidence in him is unshaken; I have never learned anything that would shake that confidence; of course I know of this trial that is progressing.

Cross-examination by Mr. Eaton—Q.—General, of course you do not suppose, do you, that while Gen. Babcock has been your private secretary, and in intimate and confidential relations with you, any one would voluntarily come to you with statements injurious to his reputation?

Objected to by counsel for defendant.

A.—I do not know any such thing.

Q.—Perhaps you are aware, General, that the Whisky Ring have persistently tried to fix the origin of that Ring in the necessity for funds to carry on the political campaigns. Did you ever have any intimation from Gen. Babcock or any one else, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that any funds for political purposes were being raised by any improper methods?

Question objected to by counsel for the defendant.

A.—I never did; I have seen, since these trials, intimations of that sort in the newspapers, but never before.

Q.—Then let me ask you if the prosecuting officers have not been entirely correct in repelling all insinuations that you ever had tolerated any such means for raising funds?

Objected to by counsel for the defendant.

A.—I was not aware that they attempted to repel any insinuations.

Q.—Speaking of C. W. Ford, I presume, General, that your confidence in him continued up to the time of his death? A.—I never had a suspicion that anything was wrong.

Q.—Did you regard his knowledge of men and affairs in St. Louis as trustworthy? A.—I had as much confidence in him that way as any man I knew in St. Louis.

Q.—When did you cease to reside in St. Louis, General? A.—In May, 1860.

Q.—From 1860 down to the time of Mr. Ford's death, Mr. Ford's residence was also in St. Louis? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you have private correspondence with Mr. Ford during the time he was Collector?

Objected to by counsel for the defendant.

A.—I did.

Q.—Did you preserve the correspondence? A.—No, I never kept a copy of a letter that I sent to him in my life.

Q.—Did you preserve letters that you received from him? A.—No, Sir; I did not preserve those; we corresponded because I had confidence in his judgment in him that I left him to conduct my own affairs there, and I had to be constantly sending him money; I would send a check of $500, $1,000, and $1,200 at a time, and he would pay out the money and account to me for it; my confidence in him was such that I did this without even saving the letters.

Counsel for the prosecution objects to the latter part of the answer as not responsive to the question.

Q.—Do you remember a letter of Mr. Ford to yourself, dated May 30, 1870, in which he spoke of McDonald as "a bad egg," and as saying to you that he was a discredit to the Administration?

Objected to by counsel for the defendant.

Witness—Was that before or after McDonald's appointment?

Mr. Eaton—It was shortly after McDonald was appointed; very early in that year, if I recollect?

A.—I have no recollection of such a letter; I have an indistinct recollection that when McDonald was first recommended for the position he told me, either in a letter or in a conversation, that McDonald would not do; my recollection is that finally he united with others in recommending McDonald; I have a general knowledge that about the time McDonald was being pressed for the appointment Ford thought it was not a suitable appointment, but my recollection is that he afterward acquiesced in it, and possibly either joined in the recommendation, which was a written one, and will be on file in the Treasury Department, or else he told me in a conversation.

Q.—Do you remember whether John A. Joyce was recommended to you as Ford's successor by Gen. Babcock? A.—He was not.

Q.—Was anything said to you by Gen. Babcock between the time of the death of Ford and the appointment of Constantine Maguire touching Joyce's fitness for the place? A.—Babcock presented me a dispatch that he had received from Joyce, saying that he was an applicant or making application for it, I do not remember the wording of it; the substance of it was that he wanted to be Ford's successor; my reply to him was that I should be guided largely in my appointment of Ford by the recommendation of his bondsmen; he having died suddenly, unexpectedly, and away from home I thought they were entitled to be at least consulted as to the successor who should settle up his accounts.

Q.—Did you advise Gen. Babcock to telegraph to Joyce to get the bondsmen of Ford to recommend Joyce for Collector? A.—I made the statement in substance that I have given in answer to a former question; whether I told him to do so by telegraph or not it would be impossible for me to say; that might be regarded at least as authority to so telegraph.

Q.—Did you see any telegram of that character from Babcock to Joyce at that time? A.—I do not remember to have seen any.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock at that time show you a dispatch from Joyce in these words: "St. Louis, Oct. 28, 1873.—See dispatch to the President. We mean it. Mum. Signed Joyce?" A.—I don't think that my memory goes back to that time; since these prosecutions were commenced I have seen that.

Q.—I am asking you in regard to that time. A.—I do not call it to memory.

Q.—Did you receive a protest against the appointment of Constantine Maguire, signed by James E. Yeatman, Robert Campbell, and others?

Objected to by counsel for defendant.

A.—I do not remember such a letter. If such a one was received, it is no doubt on file in the Treasury Department. Such a protest may have been received.

Q.—Your purpose of leaving the nomination of Mr. Ford's successor to his bondsmen was because they were liable on his bond for the administration of his office, was it not? A.—Yes, Sir. Further than that, some of them were men that I knew very well, and had great confidence in.

Q.—Speaking of Ford's objection to McDonald, were you aware that in the matter of education McDonald, when he was appointed, was an ignorant man, barely able to write his name?

Objected to by counsel for the defendant.

A.—I was aware that he was not an educated man, but he was a man that had seen a great deal of the world and of people, and I would not call him ignorant exactly, he was illiterate.

Q.—Did you receive a protest against McDonald's appointment, signed by Carl Schurz, G. A. Finkelnburg, R. T. Van Horn, and other men in Missouri?

Objected to by counsel for defendant.

A.—I do not remember it; I may have done so; I do not know that it would have had any particular weight with me if I had received it, his indorsements being good.

Q.—Was not that objection based on the ground of his entire unfitness for the place? A.—I do not remember if it was received; it is no doubt a matter of record, and can be obtained.

Q.—Did you ever see the paper now shown you? If so, state in whose handwriting it is.

Counsel for defendant objects to any examination in regard to this paper.

A.—As to the handwriting I do not pretend to be an expert; I have had a great many letters from Mr. Ford; that looks like his signature; I do not remember to have ever seen that before, and I do not think I ever did.

Q.—Do you know the other signatures to the paper? A.—No. I know all the parties, but I do not know their signatures.

The paper referred to was marked exhibit No. 6.

Q.—Did you see at or about the time of its date the affidavit now shown you, made by James Marr, taken from the files of the Treasury Department? [a copy of which, marked Exhibit No. 7, is annexed.]

Objected to by defendant's counsel.

A.—If I ever did see that paper it has passed entirely from my memory, and I think it would be impossible that such a document as that could be read by me and I not remember it.

Q.—Do you remember at this distance of time on whose recommendation Mr. Joyce was appointed?

A.—My recollection is that when McDonald was appointed Supervisor he asked the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to give him an assistant from his office—some one who was acquainted with the duties; I think there was no acquaintance existing at all between Joyce and McDonald at that time; that is my recollection; I never had heard of Joyce myself, and did not know of the existence of such a man until he was appointed on the recommendation, as I understood, of the then Commissioner, who thought him to be the most capable man in his office; I did not remember about these dispatches at all until since the conspiracy trials have commenced; I have heard Gen. Babcock's explanation of most or all of them since that; many of these dispatches may have been shown to me at the time and explained, but I do not remember it.

Q.—Did you know at the time that during the Fall of 1875, subsequent to your visit to St. Louis, Gen. Babcock corresponded with John McDonald after the latter was indicted, and sent his letter to McDonald under cover to Major E. B. Grimes?

Objected to by defendant's counsel.

A.—No; I was not aware of it at the time.

Q.—Did you know at the time that Gen. Babcock sent cipher dispatches to Major Luckey, at St. Louis, over his own and over a fictitious signature, on the 17th or 18th of last November? A.—I do not remember as to particular dates, but we have an Executive Mansion cipher, so that when myself and Secretaries are separated, dispatches can be sent without being read by the operators. We always have had such a cipher. I have no particular knowledge, but I know in a general way that they were corresponding while Mr. Luckey was there during the Avery trial, he having gone there, as I understood, as a witness.

Q.—Did you see the dispatches before they were sent? A.—I do not think I saw the dispatches.

Q.—Have you any objections to stating the meaning that cipher of two words only—the words "Hamlet and "Bandage"? A.—I have no such cipher, and I never wrote a cipher dispatch; I never travel without having a Secretary with me.

Q.—You do not know what those words mean? A.—I do not know; when I want to send a dispatch in cipher I give it to one of my Secretaries in the ordinary form, and he transmits it.

Q.—On or about Dec. 5, 1873, did Gen. Babcock show you a dispatch from Joyce to himself in these words, "Is there any hitch in sending Maguire's name to the Senate? Joyce"? A.—I cannot remember particularly; I think, however, Gen. Babcock did ask me if there was any reason why Maguire's name should not be sent; I have an indistinct recollection of his asking me the question.

Q.—You have said that you resisted the pressure brought to bear upon you by prominent public men in regard to the suspension or revocation of the order transferring Supervisors; if you have no objection, will you please state the names of those prominent men who brought that pressure to bear upon you. A.—There were many persons, and I think I could give the names of several Senators and probably members of Congress, but probably I should have to refer to papers that are on file; I do not know that it is material. I know that the pressure was continual from the Supervisors and their friends.

Q.—Can you from memory name any Senators or Representatives? A.—I could name two or three, but I do not believe that it is necessary.

Mr. Eaton.—I will not press it then. Will you please to state whether Gen. Babcock showed you, on or about the time of its date, a dispatch to him in these words: "St. Louis, Feb. 3, 1875. Gen. O. E. Babcock, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. We have official information that the enemy weakens. Push things. Sylph." A.—I do not remember of ever seeing that dispatch until since these prosecutions have commenced.

Q.—Did you know that Gen. Babcock was at that time in correspondence with Joyce about the transfer of Supervisors? A.—I know that he received frequent letters from Joyce, for I saw a number of them myself, and those I did see were generally as to what he was doing in the way of writing editorials for the different papers, and inclosing editorials which he would say in his letters he had written, and asking how he liked them, which I read on; I recollect him saying in one letter that some papers in the State of Missouri, and perhaps in Arkansas—at different points, at all events—were willing to publish as editorial matter what he would write for them.

Answer objected to by counsel for the prosecution as going beyond the scope of the question.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Gen. Babcock prior to May, 1875, in reference to a letter written by J. J. Brooks to Deputy Commissioner Rogers?

Objected to by counsel for the defendant.

A.—I do not remember dates, but I remember of his showing me a letter that had been handed him from somebody in Philadelphia to Mr. Rogers, and he said that it appeared in his judgment to be simply black-mailing, and I think that was the occasion on which he told me what he had stated to Mr. Douglass; that is as I remember now.

Q.—Do you remember that Gen. Babcock, prior to May, 1875, talked with you about the policy of sending detectives into the several districts to detect frauds? A.—I do not; I remember of his telling me at one time of what he had proposed to Mr. Douglass, but the date of it I do not remember, and that was not a suggestion to me; it was merely what he had suggested to Mr. Douglass, and this is the same that I have before stated.

Q.—Do you remember when that conversation was? A.—No, I do not; my recollection is that he had shown that letter to Mr. Douglass before he had to me, and that was the occasion when he told me of his suggestion.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock, about the time of its date, show you a dispatch in these words:

St. Louis, Oct. 27, 1874.

Gen. O. E. Babcock, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.:

Have you talked with D.? Are things right? How? J.

Objected to by defendant's counsel.

A.—I do not remember anything about it.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock at or about the time of its date show you a dispatch in the following words:

St. Louis, April 23, 1875.

Gen. O.E. Babcock, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.:

Tell Mack to see Parker, of Colorado, and telegram to Commissioner. Crush out St. Louis enemies. GRIT.

Objected to by counsel for defendant.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock at any time tell you he had endeavored to influence Commissioner Douglass to revoke that order? A.—No.

Q.—Since you say that Gen. Babcock has not manifested to you any desire to interfere with or prevent the trial of the indictments against himself and others, will you be so good as to state whether any of his friends, for him, have at any time since these indictments were found endeavored to prevent the trial of the indictments against him or any other of the indicted parties, and if so please state who have made such efforts? A.—They have not, with me.

Q.—Will you please state why the order for the Court of Inquiry in Gen. Babcock's case was made before the adjournment of the Grand Jury which found the indictment against him, if you know? A.—It was made because he applied for it, and I thought he was clearly entitled to vindicate himself if he was innocent. He had been denied that opportunity before the Grand Jury.

Q.—Did Gen. Babcock show you a telegram from District Attorney Dyer saying that the next conspiracy case would be tried on Dec. 15, 1875? A.—He did. I do not remember about the dates particularly.

Q.—Now, I suppose, Mr. President, that the substance of your testimony is, what we all know to be true, that, if there has been any misconduct on the part of Gen. Babcock, it has not come to your knowledge? A.—Yes, Sir; that is true.

Q.—You do not know, of course, do you, whether Mr. Douglass suggested to Secretary Bristow the same thing about the transfer of Supervisors which, you say, he originally suggested to you? A.—I do not know anything about it, except from the Secretary himself.

Q.—Do you recollect that Supervisor Tutton was ordered from Philadelphia to St. Louis under this order for transfer? A.—That is my recollection, that he was ordered to St. Louis.

Q.—You say that Gen. Babcock has made no efforts with you to avoid a trial, but you do not know of your own knowledge, of course, whether he has made any efforts with others? A.—I do not.

Re-direct examination by Mr. Cook [handing a copy of a telegram to the witness]—I wish you would state what you know in relation to that.

A.—The dispatch seems to be: "Washington, Oct. 27.—To William H. Denten, William McKee and John M. Krum. Your request in regard to the Collectorship will be complied with. U. S. Grant." Those gentlemen are a part of the bondsmen of Ford, and they have recommended Constantine Maguire for Ford's place as Collector.

Q.—The original of that is, I believe, in your writing? A.—Yes, Sir; I wrote that. I saw the original this morning.

The copy of the telegram above referred to is attached, and marked "Exhibit No. 8."

Objected to by counsel for the prosecution on the ground of incompetency, irrelevancy, and immateriality.

Q.—What was the character of the correspondence between Mr. Joyce and Gen. Babcock as exhibited to you?

Objected to as incompetent and calling for secondary evidence, and being as a whole irrelevant to the issues of the case.

A.—My answer to that is the same as has been given and objected to.

Q.—What was the general character of the explanation of the dispatches to which your attention has been directed as given you by Gen. Babcock?

Objected to by the counsel for the prosecution on the ground that it is irrelevant and immaterial, and that the declarations of the accused as to the dispatches referred to cannot be used as evidence in his favor.

A.—The explanations which he gave seemed to me to clear up all grounds of suspicion against him.

Q.—What was the general character of those explanations?

Same objection as to previous question.

A.—It was generally a statement of their meaning and what they were in response to, but I could not probably give at this time his explanation of any one of them.

Q.—But the explanations at the time were such as to satisfy you?

Same objection as to previous questions.

A.—They seemed to me to be entirely satisfactory.

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After reading the deposition, Mr. Storrs offered the recommendations in favor of the appointment of Gen. McDonald as Supervisor of this district, but the court ruled them out, and the defense closed their case. The court then adjourned.

THE CINCINNATI CASES.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—In the case of A. Mann & Co., on trial the past week in the United States Court, charged with omitting to make the proper entries of spirits, the jury to-day returned a verdict of not guilty. The case of Henry H. Hamilton, rectifier, and Lewis A. Logan, Gauger, was taken up. Hamilton is charged with making false notices of intention to rectify, and Logan with making false entries in the stub-book of rectifier's stamps. The case will probably take some days, as a large number of witnesses are called.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

LECTURE BY DR. JOHN LORD AT ASSOCIATION HALL—BENEFICIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

Dr. Lord lectured yesterday, at Association Hall, on Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America. The hall was crowded and much interest was manifested. Dr. Lord devoted the main part of his lecture to a consideration of the consequences of the discovery of America. Taking it for granted that everybody knew the main facts in Columbus' history, he didn't dwell on them. He simply considered the effects of the discovery of America on civilization. His first reflection was the extent of geographical knowledge. The world opened toward the West. It was larger than it was before supposed. A new continent spread its unknown glories before the European eye. Most of the great problems of geography were solved. The voyage of Columbus led to still bolder ones, until the Capes of Good Hope and Horn were doubled, and the East Indies were explored. The second thing to be observed was the ensuing impulse given to commerce, which, whether corrupting or not, cannot be spared to civilization. The third thing noticeable was the multiplication of precious metals. But these blessings are simply material. They merely develop the energies of the world in the old channels of wealth and power. They added to the realm of enterprise. They furnished a new arena of passions and interests. They built up new cities. They reproduced Antioch, Rome, Venice, Paris, London. But if America has a mission to fulfill among the nations, she must develop unknown forces. The Old World gloried in material wonders. Ancient empires which had faded away had a splendid civilization. If Columbus merely prepared the way for the revival or extension of material civilization, then America has no mission to fulfill. But America can be only glorious as she fulfills a new mission in history; not to become more potent in new material inventions, which the Old World has, but in those agencies which the Old World has not. What if great empires are destined to arise in America? The world has witnessed many powerful empires which have passed away for lack of conservative forces. It is not new material wonders we want, not the extension of utilities, but saving influences. That are great empires, unless with these are born the principles which save a country from destruction? Make New-York a second Carthage, and you simply repeat the old experiment. Remember, there has been an unvarying uniformity in the past history of nations. Wealth has succeeded industry, corruption has succeeded wealth, and ruin has succeeded corruption. That is simply the old story. That's what they call progress. The eternal swing of the pendulum, Babel towers, Roman amphitheatres, tournaments, wars, industrial expositions, pride, vanity, and glory, succeeded by shame and decay. That's history. Is all this to be

LAW REPORTS.

TESTIMONY IN THE TWEED CASE.

THE PROSECUTION CONTINUED—EVIDENCE OF JOHN M'B. DAVIDSON, JOHN GARVEY, AND JOHN H. KETSER.

The trial of the $6,000,000 suit against Tweed was resumed yesterday by the calling of John McBride Davidson as a witness for the prosecution. Witness said he was not now in any business; formerly carried on the business of safe-making, and supplied safes to the City; knew Watson, Woodward, Tweed, Connolly, and many other officials; witness got his orders for safes from Woodward; witness would make up his bills and hand them to Woodward, and get the money from Watson; witness never received warrants for his bills but Woodward or Watson did; witness never went before the Board of Audit or Supervisors to verify the bills; witness never made any affidavit in verification of the bills; the bills of witness were correctly made out; the profits were liberal, about the same as to outsiders; the safe business was quite profitable; the profits were about 200 per cent.

Seven warrants were then shown witness, who mentioned: Warrant No. 2,444 for $68,515 70 is not indorsed by me; warrant No. 2,461, for $33,333 31, is indorsed by me; warrant No. 2,6356 for $66,495 60 is indorsed by me; warrant No. 2,765, for $42,170 42, is indorsed by me; with the exception of "and Co.," warrant No. 2,808 for $12,317 77, and warrant No. 2,809 for $12,432 16 are not indorsed by me; warrant No. 2,824 for $63,975 37 is not indorsed by me; witness never received any of the warrants; he knew nothing of the warrants; was told to put his name on some by Woodward, who said he must do so quickly before Controller Connolly left; witness never saw the faces of the warrants; witness received his money from Woodward or Watson; on warrant No. 2,444 witness received $33,301; on No. 2,461, $10,506; on No. 2,6356, $32,749 20; on No. 2,765, $16,940; on Nos. 2,808 and 2,809, $6,277 50, and on No. 2,824, $21,253 75; witness never made out any bills corresponding to the amounts of the warrants; the warrants were paid about May 30, June 3, 10, 17, 24, and 27, 1870; witness furnished no other bills except those stated on which payments could be made.

This closed the direct examination. On his cross-examination witness said he never authorized Woodward to collect his bills for him, nor to sign his receipts; witness receipted his own bills; never saw a bill of William M. Tweed's; was an honest one, truly stating the amounts justly due to witness; the articles were all delivered; witness' profit was liberal in dealings with private persons as well as with the City; a greater profit would be charged the City than in its present condition than would be charged a man like A. T. Stewart; this was because of the greater difficulty in getting payment; witness never paid Woodward anything for getting the bills paid; the County witness about four thousand or five thousand dollars for safes furnished subsequent to 1870; witness never tried to get payment of this amount. Some of the warrants were then shown to the jury, in order that the similarity of indorsement in the genuine and forged warrants might be seen. The witness was then told to select the genuine from the forged without referring to his memorandum. This gave him some little labor, which finally resulted in the witness making a mistake in regard to one warrant, and being confused on discovering his blunder.

John Garvey, brother of Andrew J. Garvey, was then sworn as a witness. He testified to taking leave from his brother and Ingersoll; witness was told to go to Albany and give the package to Tweed; witness left for Albany and met Tweed as the latter was leaving the Capitol; he was introduced by Tweed to John J. Bradley, who was with Tweed in the carriage; witness handed the package and some letters from King, to Tweed; after Tweed had told them the contents were all right, witness telegraphed to this City. The witness was here shown some letters which he identified as having been sent to him by Tweed between Jan. 30 and March 2, 1870, while Andrew J. Garvey was abroad. Tweed wished witness to see him, and intimated in several of the letters that the interview would not be unpleasant. In another letter Tweed wished witness to see and tell him that he went to see Tweed in answer to the first Tweed letter, and saw him at his private office at No. 66 Duane street. A mysterious and whispered colloquy here took place between counsel as to asking the witness about his conversation with Tweed. Mr. Field remarked that there had already been sufficient scandal about the matter without bringing in any new. Mr. Carter then went up to the witness and whispered to him. The witness' response seemed not to suit him, however, for he said aloud, "Never mind about it. I guess you needn't say anything about it." The witness was questioned only in regard to that part of his conversations with Tweed which referred to Andrew J. Garvey, the brother of the witness. Tweed said it was better for Garvey to be abroad; witness thinks that his brother was in the City at the time of the letters and put them into Mr. Peckham's possession; witness, while his brother was in Europe, had an interview with Tweed; this was in October, 1871; witness asked Tweed about a detective named Samson, who had gone abroad; Tweed said witness that Samson had not gone to arrest his brother Andrew, but that witness should inquire no further; witness took it in this way; witness said he did not like to see his brother forced to be away from the City while Tweed and the others remained; Tweed said that it was better for him to be away; Andrew, he said, was away, and he had Ingersoll all right; he wished somebody to do it with Woodward; witness thought this was an intimation that Tweed wanted him to bail Woodward; but he did not let Tweed know that he took it in that light; witness did not know that the $100,000 was taken by him to Albany was to bribe the Legislature.

John H. Ketser, the next witness sworn, testified to having worked for the City for the past fifteen years. The witness was required, before filing days, to make affidavits in verification of his bills; at the beginning, when the Ring came in this was not required, but he was told to add percentages to his bills; witness did add thirty-three and a third per cent to his bills; witness knew very poor calculating, but messed to make the bills out rightly—with the percentage added, (laughter.) Watson shared the percentage added, (laughter.) Watson shared with Woodward and witness destroyed the bills at the suggestion of Garvey.

The further taking of testimony will be resumed to-day. Gov. Tilden has been in town for several days in answer to a subpœna, but was not called on to testify, though it is expected he will be either to-day or to-morrow.

THE HARVEST QUEEN DISASTER.

LIBEL FILED AGAINST THE STEAM-SHIP ADRIATIC — THE COMPLAINT — THE STEAM-SHIP SEIZED—BONDS GIVEN BY HER OWNERS.

In the case of Charles H. Marshall & Co., owners of the Black Ball line of ships, against the steam-ship Adriatic, of the White Star line, Messrs. Butler, Stillman & Hubbard, counsel for the former, yesterday filed a libel in the United States District Court against the steam-ship, alleging:

First—That the libelants at the time of the collision hereinafter mentioned were the owners of the American ship Harvest Queen.

Second—That on the 30th day of December, 1875, the said ship set sail from Cork harbor, Ireland, for New-York, with a valuable cargo.

Third—That the said steamer Adriatic, also bound to this port, was then and there under the charge of a licensed pilot, and had a sufficient crew, and was properly manned and navigated.

Fourth—That the said collision was caused by the negligence and improper manner of those on board the Adriatic in not having a good and sufficient lookout, in running at too great a rate of speed, in not keeping out of the way of the Harvest Queen, and in not stopping and backing to avoid the collision. That after the collision, which occurred about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 31st of December, 1875, the said ship became unmanageable, and all her rigging was torn away, burning, and she became a total wreck, and was totally lost, and the said loss was caused entirely by the said collision and by the fault of those on board the said ship.

Fifth—That by the said collision libelants have sustained loss and damage to the amount of $20,000, the value of which sum they demanded of the owners of the said Adriatic, but the owners refused to pay the same or any part thereof.

The libelants in the suit are many and as follows: Charles H. Marshall, Charles Lamson, William H. Webb, Lester B. Wyman, George Bell, Mary E. Butler, William Nelson, Samuel Sloan, Mary Janssen, William Sloan, Samuel Sloan, W. Garey, Daniel S. Appleton, Stephen of Maivina W. Appleton, as executor of W. Cotton, executrix of Nathan C. Cobb, deceased; Charles Lamson, administrator of the goods, chattels, effects, and effects of John Lamson, deceased; John Hinckley, John Lamson, Mary M. Griffing, and Elizabeth H. Carter. The suit was issued yesterday morning by Deputy United States Marshal Kennedy, and very shortly afterward the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, owners of the White Star Line, through their agent, Richard J. Cortis, as owners of the Adriatic, gave a portion of St. Matthew's Sick Aid Society of Melrose vs. Richards vs. Friedman, (Nos. 1 and 2;) Reuer vs. Spelman.

Abrams vs. Dohrmann—Explanation required.

Matter of Fraser et al.—Explanation wanted.

Bidell vs. Vandecar.—Motion to change place of trial to Niagara granted without costs.

Eyiers vs. Eyiers.—Report of Referee confirmed and decree of divorce granted to plaintiff.

Hoyt vs. Hoyt.—I desire to know what infant defendants are represented by the Guardian *ad litem*.

Matter of the Buchanan Farm Oil Co.—I wish the order appointing Mr. Mitchell Receiver, and also to hear counsel in regard to the application.

Havens vs. David.—I wish to know whether the papers have been presented to another Justice of this court.

Dieckerhoff vs. Ahlborn.—Reference ordered.

Memorandum.

Rawlinson vs. Cody et al.—Unless the rent is paid to the landlord within three days a Receiver will be appointed. If such rent is paid, the motion will be denied, without costs, as the preponderance of evidence seems to be that the property is ample security for the plaintiff's mortgage.

Man vs. Willoughby.—Memorandum.

Matter of Hamilton.—Order granted.

Fowler vs. Trenor et al.—Affidavit not sworn to.

Certificate, &c., of Societe Francais de l'Harmonie.—The certificate must be re-executed and made legible.

Thomson vs. Vermam.—Attention of counsel is called to rule No. 73. The consent is not signed by attorneys for all the parties. If such is obtained, I shall appoint one of the parties named.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Sedgwick.

Hotop vs. Ehrenreich et al.—Referee's report confirmed, and judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Orders Granted.—Lustig vs. Lustig; Jenny vs. Tallman; Klein vs. Falk et al.; Hazard et al. vs. Hoge.

By Judge Curtis.

Morehouse et al. vs. Yeager.—Case ordered on file.

COURT NOTES.

Two judgments were obtained against the City in cases tried before Judge Donohue in Part II. of the Supreme Court yesterday. Michael McNamara recovered $339 for services as a water watchman, and James Van Wart recovered $107 17 for lighting the lamps in Jefferson Market.

The case of Alexander against ex-Judge Koch was brought to trial before Judge Van Hoesen in Part III. of the Court of Common Pleas yesterday. The plaintiff sues for damages for being dispossessed from his premises by a judgment rendered by the defendant while acting as a Justice, jurisdiction of the case is liable personally under the Statute.

George Swapper, of No. 501 Lexington avenue, preferred a complaint against Thomas Sullivan, of No. 503 East Forty-second street, of having stolen two boxes of cigars from his express wagon. Sullivan is also accused of burglary, and is a brother of the person who shot Officer O'Brien, of the Nineteenth Precinct, some time ago. On the charge of theft Sullivan was held in $500 bail, and also held to answer a charge of burglary.

Thomas Edwards, who on Wednesday night last was arrested by Sergt. Allen, of the Fifteenth Precinct, while acting as a "look-out" for a game of faro at No. 685 Broadway, was yesterday arraigned before Justice Modeway, at the Washington Place Police Court, and admitted to $2,000 bail to appear in answer to the charge of violating the gambling laws. William Birch, of No. 136 West Thirteenth street, became his bondsman.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday Frank Ellis, or Ennis, aged nineteen, a "longshoreman, living at No. 89 Monroe street, was charged with being one of three ruffians who, on the night of Oct. 23, attacked Eugene Townsend, of No. 30 South Ninth street, Williamsburg, when he was on his way home through Roosevelt street, robbing him of his watch and chain and a pair of gold eye-glasses. The prisoner, who is known in the Fourth Ward as "Yellow," was found guilty, and sent to the Penitentiary for three years.

The trial of Armin Ling for manslaughter, in killing Louis Werbetis in a beer saloon in Bayard street on Jan. 1, was concluded before Judge Barrett in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday. Judge Barrett charged the jury in a few words, which he briefly referred to the circumstances and explained the nature of the crime charged. After about an hour's deliberation the jury returned to the court and announced that they had found the prisoner guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, and the Judge sentenced him to two and one-half years at hard labor in the State Prison.

On New Year's morning Charles Anderson, a Swede, was attacked on the Bowery, near Houston street, by three men, one of whom placed his hand across his mouth and robbed him of his watch. Henry Paine, James Burns, and Thomas Greaves, who were in the vicinity at the time, were arrested. At the trial in the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Burns and Greaves turned State's evidence, and swore that Paine had struck Anderson, but did not see him commit the robbery. The jury found Paine guilty of assault and battery, and he was sentenced by Recorder Hackett to one year in the Penitentiary.

The case of Lewis Bohle, Administrator of William Bohle, against the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania, and Fordham Railroad Company, was brought to trial before Judge Curtis, in Part II. of the Superior Court yesterday. The complaint alleges that William Bohle, while attempting to cross Third avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, on Dec. 12, 1870, was run over by one of the defendants' cars and killed; $5,000 damages were claimed. The defense is that the company knows nothing about the affair, and that if it happened it was under circumstances over which the company had no control.

Elizabeth Curtis, an elderly lady, appeared before Justice Kasmire, at the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, and made a complaint against Abram Fieger and Charles Merrick, the alleged proprietors of the notorious policy shop, No. 136 Division street. It appeared from the complainant's affidavit that after several purchases she at last obtained a "hit" for $250. She applied for the money but could not obtain it, and accordingly caused the prisoners' arrest by Officer Stutt. The prisoners, who put on an air of injured innocence on hearing the charge, were discharged, as the evidence was not sufficient to justify their detention.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The following case was argued in the Supreme Court yesterday:

No. 153.—*Board of Commissioners for Laramie County vs. Board of Commissioners for Albany and Carbon Counties.*—Appeal from the Supreme Court for the Territory of Wyoming. This was a bill in chancery brought by Laramie County to make the other counties named as defendants liable for a portion of the debts of the former. It appears that in 1868 the defendant counties were formed by the Legislature of Dakota Territory, which then embraced this county out of territory which had been theretofore a portion of Laramie County, and that at that time Laramie County had become indebted to the amount of about $26,000. This debt, it is insisted, the new counties should help pay, inasmuch as they were benefited by the debt, and when it was incurred were legally liable as any other portion of the then County of Laramie. The decree was for the defendants below, and it is here contended that the subject matter is wholly one under legislative control, and that the courts will not undertake to determine the controversy; that the Legislature had full power, and having divided the territory into three counties without having provided that the new ones should pay any portion of the existing indebtedness it is conclusive of the case, and the bill must be dismissed. D. McLaughlin and H. R. Keller for appellants, W. T. Otto for appellees.

In the Supreme Court to-day, on motion of Mr. M. H. Carpenter, Hon. Lott M. Morrill, of Augusta, Me., and H. B. Johnson, of Jefferson City, Mo., were admitted to practice as attorneys and counselors of this court. On motion of Mr. P. Phillip, Jr., Cooper, of Chicago, Ill., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

No. 153.—*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Laramie, appellants, vs. The Board of County Commissioners of Albany and Carbon Counties.*—The arguments of this cause were continued by Mr. W. R. Steele, of counsel for the appellants, and by Mr. A. H. Jackson for the appellees, and concluded by Mr. W. R. Steele, for the appellants.

No. 154.—*The Republican River Bridge Company, plaintiff in error, vs. The Kansas Pacific Railroad Company.*—The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. R. McBratney, of counsel for the plaintiff in error.

Case No. 154.—*Republican River Bridge Company vs. Kansas Pacific Railroad Company.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Kansas.—This is a contest concerning the rights of way of the railroad through the Fort Riley Reservation. The court below ruled that the joint resolution of 1867 conveyed to the bridge company, by virtue of the patent issued in pursuance of it, all the land mentioned therein, except the land conveyed to the railroad company for a right of way by the joint resolution of 1866, but that the joint resolution of the prior year vested in the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its branches twenty acres of the reservation opposite Riley City, for a depot and other purposes, and the right of way claimed. It is here contended that the grant to the State of Kansas for bridge purposes, its acceptance and the construction of the bridge, and the full performance of all the conditions prescribed by Congress, and the final patent to the bridge company under the grant to the State, vests in the company exclusive title, notwithstanding the claim of the railroad under the joint resolution of 1866. That resolution, it is contended, did not amount to a grant and has never been followed by a patent. B. F. Stringfellow for plaintiff in error; W. T. Otto for defendant.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Hackett, Recorder.

Michael O'Farrell and Annie O'Farrell, receiving stolen goods.
James Sullivan and Alfred English, burglary.
George Webster, burglary.
George Thornton, felonious assault and battery.
Richard Scott, grand larceny.
Edward Stein, felonious assault and battery.
Mary McCahl, grand larceny.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Held by Barrett, J.

Michael Finnell, homicide.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Lawrence, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
38—	Caswell vs. Hammond	276—	Scherwood vs. Globe Insurance Co.
42—	Faulstich vs. Kammerer.	292—	Palmer vs. H. S. H. Med. Co.
76—	Livingston vs. White, &c.	314—	Macy vs. Lane.
100—	Sisey vs. Duddendsick.	315—	Goodridge vs. Lane.
108—	Atlantic N. Ins. Co. vs. Stern.	338—	Doyle vs. The Mayor, &c.
116—	Ind. Ex. Co. vs. Morganthau.	390—	——— vs. ———
118—	Miller vs. Nichols.	408—	——— vs. ———
124—	Paoli Belt Co. vs. Gordon.	411—	——— vs. ———
192—	Beach vs. Smith.	412—	——— vs. ———
204—	U. F. School vs. The Mayor, &c.	416—	——— vs. ———
283—	Cholwell vs. Nichols.	427—	——— vs. ———
		423—	——— vs. ———

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Van Vorst, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
39—	King vs. Duryea.	119—	Vanderbilt vs. Vanderbilt.
99—	Blatchford vs. Kidd.	190—	Armstrong vs. Vanderbilt.
225—	Kimball vs. Newton et al.	59—	Sterne vs. Goepp.
214—	Joly, &c., vs. Lacombe.	136—	Goepp et al. vs. Sterne et al.
315—	Clark vs. Phelan et al.	178—	Douglass vs. The Mayor, &c.
145—	Farley vs. Farrell.	139—	Brown vs. Goodwin et al.
192—	Brainerd vs. Manuf'rs and B's Bank.	47—	McBride vs. McBride.
285—	Alden vs. Diossy.	250—	Habberman vs. Witters et al.
288—	Koffman vs. Schoenemann.	146—	Corry vs. Wittera.
292—	Seannoni vs. Ruck et al.	202—	Harlem vs. Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company.
206—	Bowers vs. Otard et al.	19—	Arches et al. vs. Schultz et al.
107—	E. R. Trust Co. vs. Rader et al.	66—	Con. Nat. Bank vs. Black et al.
307—	Frost vs. Van Loon et al.		
199—	Leserman vs. Bernheimer et al.		
264—	Blossom vs. Hatfield et al.		

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

January term continued. Held in General Term room.

Held by Westbrook, J.

Case on—No. 2,064—The People, &c., vs. Tweed et al.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

Held by Donohue, J.

Nos.	Short Causes.	Nos.	
19—	Fullerton vs. Flake.	2414—	Ninth National Bank vs. Johnson.
1708—	Bamberg et al. vs. Meyer.	2000—	Forrester et al. vs. Clark.
1504½—	Fisher vs. Crosby.	1751—	Falibetcier, &c., vs. Lammeeer.
1820½—	Brodt vs. Soott.	2496—	Caswell et al. vs. Hammond.
1854—	Dame et al. vs. Smith.	2420—	Owens vs. Pickert.
1772½—	N. Y. S. L. & T. Co. vs. Palmer, Jr., et al.	1566—	Reed vs. Brodie.
2174—	Catoir vs. Lambert.	2500—	Hassard et al. vs. Gaffney.
2346—	Gleason, &c., vs. Hubbard et al., &c.	2392—	Legraine vs. Oakley et al.
2342—	Benedetti et al. vs. Bondy et al.	1832—	Torrens vs. Zabriskie et al.
2340—	Whiteman vs. Bondy et al.	1780—	Odell et al. vs. Harrison.
2339—	Wicke et al. vs. Bondy et al.	2467—	Tietjen vs. Fairfield et al.
2341—	Same vs. Same.	736—	Sloats vs. The Mayor, &c.
1858—	Bank of British N. A. vs. Hubbell.	2280—	Miller vs. Brown.
1756—	Adgar vs. Bancroft.	2458—	Easton et al. vs. Cooper et al.
1686—	Keppel vs. Wells.	1292—	Ahrens et al. vs. Bennett et al.
2522—	Ebbinghausen et al. vs. Montgomery.	2498—	Phillips vs. McLean et al.
2486—	Axt vs. Doran.		
1286—	Security Bk. vs. Otis.		
1404—	Koehler vs. Marshall et al.		
2050—	Irving National Bk. vs. Johnson.		

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

Held by Larremore, J.

Nos.	Short Causes.	Nos.	
1485—	Whittlesey et al. vs. Hall et al.	1839—	Colvell et al. vs. Williams.
3508—	Hegeman, &c., vs. Kavanagh et al.	2497—	Law vs. Grass.
1777—	Hurley vs. Petett.	2239—	People's Bank vs. Hoffman, &c.
1741½—	Vallhee vs. Hammond.	2509—	Olmstead vs. Payne.
2208—	Methodist Book Concern vs. McCall, &c.	2189—	Citizens' Bank of W. vs. Holmes et al.
2347—	Dry Goods Bank vs. Miller.	2476—	Schwarter vs. Romberg.
973—	Gunzenhauser, &c., vs. Lyons et al.	2439—	Benjamin vs. Bradbury et al.
2449—	Wells vs. Noxon et al.	2465—	Same vs. Same.
950—	M'Ts' and P's' Bank vs. Asten, &c.	2349—	Gergier vs. Otis.
2283—	The People ex rel. Bunn vs. O'Brien.	2461—	Villaret al. vs. Maxwell.
		1491—	Crump vs. Frederica
		2411—	Deane et al. vs. Weir.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Sedgwick, J.

Nos.	Demurrer.	Nos.	
6—	Thompson vs. Huntington.	33—	Brown vs. Schwoon et al.
8—	Lin. R. M. Co. vs. Redford.	32—	Hardman vs. Dusenbury.
17—	Gutch et al. vs. Crowley.	35—	Milliner vs. Morrell.
6—	Gans vs. Ridgley.	36—	Bruce vs. Hoboken C. Co. et al.
15—	Goldberg vs. Lavinson.	15—	Shetlaer et al. vs. Jacobs.
1—	Davis vs. The Mayor, &c.	24—	P. Ass'n of Phila. vs. Chepps et al.
39—	Schwartz vs. Spangenberg.	38—	McParlan, &c., vs. McParlan.
22—	Tracy vs. Hecker et al.		

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned for the term.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Monell, C. J.

Nos.	Short Causes.	Nos.	
1630—	Foster vs. Stebbins.	1961—	Miller vs. Elbert.
1906—	Harlem Bank vs. Yates et al.	1947—	Prentice vs. Reserve Mut. Life Ins. Co.
1691—	Frost vs. Rose.	1432—	Silsby, Jr., vs. Am. F. and C. M'f'g Co.
1605—	Booth et al. vs. O'Donnel.	1815—	Heffernan vs. Kelly.
1876—	Smith et al. vs. Crane.	1885—	Beeseley et al., &c., vs. Freeman.
1951—	Kinney vs. Schmitt et al.		

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Curtis, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
48—	Chapman versus Becker.	838—	Carpenter vs. Cushman.
928—	Whitney vs. White.	708—	Hall vs. Cowdrey et al.
886—	Smith et al. vs. Klauber.	1000—	Kandell vs. Bremer.
1834—	Stoken et al. vs. Rockagal et al.	1004—	Johnson et al. vs. Flanagan.
984—	Bell vs. Sedgwick.	1006—	Arone, Jr., vs. Metz et al.
848—	Maclean et al. vs. Blossom.	1008—	Arthur vs. McDonough, &c.
778—	Mason vs. Decker.	1010—	Van Nordhausen vs. N. Y. & H. R. R. Co.
990—	Mech's & Trad. Nat. B'k vs. Moore et al.		

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Joseph F. Daly, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
254—	Barsdorff vs. Kelly, &c.	2988—	Oakley vs. Fetbresch.
589—	Patterson vs. Brennan.	2373—	Tilton vs. Sullivan, &c.
2049—	Mech's and T's Bank vs. The Mayor.	1690—	Silber vs. Leavitt.
777—	Duncan vs. Brennan.	1157—	Cheesman, &c., vs. Johnston.
955—	Pidel vs. Hillier.	1554—	Luyster vs. Shepard.
909—	Strauss vs. M. G. L. & S. Co.	45—	McCauley vs. Gans.
177—	Flatau vs. Staudert.	2122—	Kalshar vs. B. St. & F. R. R. Co.
51—	Ely vs. Stilwell.	1778—	Mordecai vs. Wetmore.
1634—	Cox vs. C. P., N. & F. R. R. Co.	1692—	Reilly vs. Knickerbocker Ice Co.
696—	Gt. W. Ins. Co. et al. vs. Gt. W. Ins. Co.	1779—	Harris vs. Somborn.
2291—	Stuart, &c., vs. Salomon.	1781—	Mawger vs. Hunt.
		1783—	Haight vs. Davis.
		1784—	Klein vs. Grumpert.
		1785—	Stewart vs. Leask.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Van Brunt, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1609—	Brown vs. The Mayor.	1294—	Harrison vs. Leopold.
1645—	Newman vs. The Mayor.	1454—	Burns, &c., vs. Lutze et al.
1673—	Barnum vs. The Mayor.	1836—	Hollender vs. Miranda.
1726—	O'Brien vs. Pfeil.	1346—	Cassidy vs. Leetch.
1470—	Mable et al. vs. Hartman et al.	1307—	Lea vs. Mich. C. Co.
1282—	Keller vs. O'Neill.	1372—	Friend vs. Walleck.
1258—	Hiller vs. Spensler.	1377—	Denby vs. I. U. B. Society.
1355—	Leonard vs. Walsh.	1171—	Jones vs. Kelly.
2274—	Burke, &c., vs. The Mayor.	1762—	Hughes vs. Darrin.
1818—	Walsh vs. The Mayor.	1763—	Anstin vs. Inrraham.
1268—	Owens vs. Rose et al.	1764—	Same vs. Same.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by Van Hoesen, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1491—	Schuyler vs. Guilfoyle.	1788—	Stemme et al. vs. Liebert.
1584—	Gross vs. Bouton et al.	1787—	McLean vs. Crawford.
1563—	Hall vs. Kemp.	1789—	Morrison, &c., vs. Kirchner.
1501—	Ostrander vs. Oliver.	1790—	Koesing vs. Peck.
1608—	Reinhardt vs. Bloom.	1792—	Nicholson vs. Webb.
2183—	Weth vs. Bishoff, &c.	1793—	Elias, &c., vs. Third Avenue R. R. Co.
1494—	Frost vs. Spurtevant.	1794—	Meisner vs. Goodwin.
1496—	Lent vs. Volga.	1795—	Leach vs. Shand.
1501—	McGrane, &c., vs. The Mayor.	1796—	Barney et al. vs. Mooney.
1785—	Meehan vs. Lassalle et al.	1797—	Wright vs. The Mayor.

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM.

Held by Robinson, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
8—	Buhl vs. Buhl.	12—	Fitzpatrick vs. Boylan et al.
9—	Sahm vs. Buhl.		
13—	Equit. L. A. Soc. of the U. S. vs. Cummins.		

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned to March 6.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Goepp, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
3789—	O'Gorman vs. Kiernan.	3926—	Gottlieb et al. vs. Kimzeiman.
6054—	Eddy vs. Merrill.	3929—	Fogg vs. Tobias.
6632—	Cromwell et al. vs. Burr.	3930—	Lockhart vs. Niles.
6158—	Stock vs. Meyer et al.	3931—	Goldsmith vs. Harts et al.
6526—	Rogers vs. Tilden et al.	3934—	Lyddy vs. Gibbons.
3835—	McGuire vs. Heyman et al.	3935—	Van Hofen vs. Fohrman et al.
3925—	Nehrbass vs. Dalley.	3936—	Unuman vs. McNaman et al.
		3940—	State Trust Co. vs. Rich.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Alker, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
3865—	Levy vs. Frankland.	3797—	Kautrowitz, versus Garde.
707—	Pfeilschhauer versus Wortge.	3821—	Goodkind et al. vs. Strickland.
6757—	Conroy vs. McGorry.	3830—	Byron, Jr., vs. Haug.
3801—	Gray vs. Leeds.	3640—	Kaufman vs. Louram
5136—	Newman et al. vs. Schwarzer et al.	6572—	Chatham National Bank vs. Klipatrick.
3846—	Meeks vs. Branne.	6689—	Keller et al. vs. Millemann.
2562—	Deter vs. Payne.	3081—	Carter vs. Voss.
2037—	Mason vs. Campbell, Jr.		

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by McAdam, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
2624—	Frothingham versus Disbecker.	6378—	Burke vs. Crotty et al.
2782—	Ehrenreich versus Schappert.	6519—	Neville vs. Hargous et al.
3136—	Farina vs. Decker.	6573—	Freese, Jr., vs. Brown et al.
3806—	Mulligan vs. Conner.	6579—	Oakes vs. Adams, Jr.
3240—	Miller vs. Carpenter.	6744—	Lundy vs. Gillmann.
5849—	Steinbrecht vs. Shook et al.	6773—	Smith vs. Tobitt et al.
6799—	Maguire versus Banoker.	6787—	Byrns et al. vs. Bd of Education.
4736—	Miller vs. Schultz.	6791—	Halgetitis et al. vs. Davenport.
4817—	Pieper vs. Wilson et al.	6831—	Mattinge vs. Carter et al.
4956—	McDonough vs. Pad dock.	6847—	Wilsinski ys. Smith et al.
5757—	Burkhalter et al. vs. Pratt.	6856—	Fleitman et al. vs. Cohn.
5854—	Becker vs. Meyer, &c.	6866—	Rohman et al. vs. Davenport et al.
5873—	Herman vs. Adolphus.	6873—	Goff et al. vs. Borgland et al.
6227—	Brown vs. Lyddy.	6874—	Goff et al. vs. Lynch.
6191—	Levy et al. vs. Leopold.		
6364—	U. S. Life Ins. Co. vs. Hoyt et al.		

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—FEB. 17.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$10,000 D. of C. 3.65s. 74
8000 Tol. P. & W., West. Div.... 80
5000 Mo., K. & T. 8.F.. 58
200 Mich. Central.... 60
100 do.... 60¼
100 do.... 60¾
100 do.... 60¾
97 do.... 60⅝
1000 At. & Pac. Tel.... 19½
2010 Western Union. 74
1000 do.... 73⅝
2500 do.... 73⅝
300 do.... 73⅝
1000 do.... 73⅝
1800 do.... 73¾
500 do.... 73⅞
600 do.... 73⅞
40 N. Y. C. & Hud.... 115⅝
600 Pacific Mail.... 33¾
1200 do.... 33¾
100 do.... 33¾
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200 do.... 109⅞
300 do.... 68¾
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2000 do.... 68¾
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NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 1876.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—CENERENTOLA, (Italian Opera)—Miss Matilda Phillipps, Signor Bugianini.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—JOHN GARTH—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Lawrence Barrett, Mr. F. C. Bangs, Mr. E. L. Davenport.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—EAST LYNNE—Miss Lucille Western, Mr. J. B. Studley.

PARK THEATRE.—BRASS—Miss Rose Wood, Miss Leale, Mr. George F. Rowe, Mr. Lewis Morrison.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—QUEEN AND WOMAN—Mr. Frederic Robinson, Mr. Edward Arnott, Miss Ida Vernon.

STEINWAY HALL.—GRAND CONCERT—Mr. B. Listemann, Mr. A. Hartdegen, Mrs. A. H. Smith.

EAGLE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE—Mr. Josh Hart, Mr. J. W. Jennings.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE—CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and evening.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Birch, Wambold, Backus.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor.

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The President's deposition in the case of Gen. BABCOCK, which is now published in full, contains very few facts which can be used with much effect on either side of the case. Its general tenor is that the President had unbounded confidence in his private secretary; that he has seen no good reason to suppose that his confidence was misplaced; that Gen. BABCOCK did not show any special desire to influence his action in regard to the revenue officers at St. Louis; that the order transferring the Supervisors was revoked on perfectly defensible grounds, without respect to any outside pressure, and that satisfactory explanations have been made by Gen. BABCOCK of the mysterious telegrams which form the chief part of the evidence against him. To all of which, of course, the prosecution may reply that the President was grossly mistaken about the character of his intimate friend, the deceased Collector FORD, and that he may have been equally so in regard to his trusted secretary, Gen. BABCOCK. As evidence, a large portion of the testimony is obviously irrelevant, and a good deal of it has been stricken out by the court. What will go on the record is likely to rank mainly as evidence to character.

Returns from the city and town elections held in Pennsylvania on Tuesday show throughout the greater part of the State heavy Republican gains. They also show, however, that in the larger centres of population people are beginning to vote for municipal officers without regard to politics, and mainly with reference to their personal fitness. In Philadelphia, for example, certain unworthy candidates who had secured the party nomination were beaten, and men of better character running on an independent ticket were elected. The experience ought not to be without its uses in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. It may be safely affirmed that all over the country the tide of popular confidence is setting strongly in favor of the Republican Party, but it should not be forgotten that this confidence must be justified as clearly by the character of the party nominees as by the character of its policy.

The last postponement of the Democratic caucus on financial legislation was due to the apprehension that Mr. LANDERS and his fellow-inflationists would "capture" the meeting and get it pledged to some scheme likely to frighten the sober part of the country. Yesterday's postponement was made to avoid an outburst of angry remonstrance on the part of Eastern Democrats who have been unceremoniously shelved in making up the committee which is to prepare the bill embodying the policy of the party in regard to the finances. If the Democratic leaders are to suspend their work of groping for a policy every time that an outburst of angry passions is threatened from any section of their following, they will certainly not have that desirable article ready in time for this Presidential campaign.

Senator ANTHONY'S joint resolution to regulate the printing of debates in Congress was before the Senate yesterday, where it is much more likely to find favor than in the lower house. The ground taken by Mr. ANTHONY is that, as the *Congressional Record* is an official document, controlled by Congress, its publication should be confined to an exact and truthful reproduction of what takes place in the House and Senate. This view of the case, however, is not shared by the Congressmen, who have so long been accustomed to "editing" their matter in the *Globe* that they cannot realize the official character of the present reports. A member detected in modifying or mutilating a committee report, after it had been laid before the House, would be subject to discipline, even though the document were his own production. There is no reason why the same rule should not be applied to the report of speeches, which is alleged to be a faithful transcript of the proceedings of Congress.

With more than usual explicitness it is once more stated that the Carlists are surrounded by the Alfonsist troops, and are menaced with speedy and final defeat. A council of the rebel chieftains, to consider terms of peace, is talked of, and there are numerous indications that even these preliminaries to a surrender will be anticipated by a general collapse of the Carlist cause. If it were not true that accounts of military movements in Spain, when derived from Madrid, have been so highly colored as to seem like romances, this news would be welcome. The world has ceased to manifest a lively interest in the struggle between ALFONSO and DON CARLOS, but a return of peace to a long-distracted country will give very general satisfaction, and will abate a nuisance which was liable at any time to lead to international difficulties.

The Assembly Committee on Crime made a good deal of noise in the world while its sessions lasted, and it has presented to the Legislature an imposing mass of printed matter as the evidence of its industry. The ability of the committee to generalize upon the highly delicate and difficult problems with which it had to deal seems hardly to have been in proportion to its aptitude for collecting information about them. Considering that the main purpose of the committee's appointment was to break down the then existing Police Board, and that this purpose has been accomplished, it is perhaps not to be wondered at that its recommendations for the cure of inefficient Police administration should be somewhat lacking in point and directness. The report contains a number of very excellent sentiments in regard to the abuses which the system of political appointments has introduced into the administration of our City prisons. Keeping in view the fact that both the Tombs and Ludlow Street Jail are chiefly in the hands of Tammany nominees, a committee which was appointed to do the work of Tammany Hall could hardly be expected to speak very definitely about the remedies needed to correct the gross mismanagement of these places. It is satisfactory to find that the committee is satisfied with the management of the island institutions, though the report of the Senate committee may tell a less favorable story.

Gen. SHERIDAN made yesterday a strong argument before the House Committee on Military Affairs in favor of the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department. He claimed that the Indians would be better treated and would become more orderly under military rule than they have been under the agency system. The change would also give the soldiers at frontier posts some much-needed occupation, and three and a half millions a year would be saved in the expenses of administration. Gen. ORD testified to much the same effect, and Gens. SHERMAN and HANCOCK sent written opinions favoring the proposed change. This transfer has been frequently talked of before, but certain humanitarian reasons have been urged in favor of continuing the present system. The character of the administration of the Indian Bureau cannot, however, be said to have risen, of late, in public estimation. People are getting a little tired of hearing philanthropy pleaded as an excuse for jobbery, and a pretty strong public sentiment exists in favor of giving the officers of the Army a chance of showing what they can do with the irrepressible "wards of the nation."

The Assembly Committee on Education have slightly modified the form of the constitutional amendment in relation to the common schools, which was referred to them some time ago, and yesterday reported it to the House. In its present shape, it provides that the State shall maintain a system of free common schools; that the Legislature shall provide for rudimentary instruction to all persons within the school age for the school year; that a State tax of not less than $3,000,000 shall be annually laid for this purpose; and that the public funds shall not be applied for the support of sectarian schools, or to any schools not wholly the property of the State or local government. These provisions seem to cover the whole ground. The amount of the tax is to be the same as that now raised by State tax for educational purposes, local taxes paying the balance of the eleven millions our public schools annually require. The provision regarding schools not belonging to the State or local authorities, will prevent the leasing of sectarian schools to the public, as is now done in some towns. The amendment has been very carefully framed, and few members of either party are likely to array themselves against a law so entirely in accord with public sentiment.

"ABSTRACT CURRENCY."

One of the fanciful theories advanced by the inflationists in support of their vagaries is that a paper circulation may be based simply on the credit of the country, and that convertibility into coin is an antiquated and expensive device which this country has outgrown. This notion mistakes entirely the nature of money. A dollar is not a legal abstraction, but twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of gold nine-tenths fine. The paper dollar derives its value solely from the promise which it bears to pay a real dollar, and if the promise be repudiated, the scrap of paper on which it is printed becomes worthless. The gold dollar bears no fictitious value. It represents nothing but itself. In whatever form it may be put—coin, bullion, or plate—its quality of value remains with it and in it. That value, like the value of every other article, is the equivalent of the average amount of labor which is required to produce it. The gold produced by a year's labor in the mines is equal in value only to the average fruits of a year's labor of similar quality in other pursuits, plus a reasonable compensation for the danger and privation. It is plain that this must be so in the long run. For, if the product of a given amount of labor in the gold mines were of greater value than the product of an equal amount of like labor in other pursuits, laborers would flock to the mines in such numbers as to reduce the value of gold. This was the precise result of the discovery of the gold mines of California and Australia.

Once set free from the idea of representative value, divested of the character of a promise to pay a certain quantity of gold, and declared to be representative of certain fictions known as dollars, our paper money could have no definite value. The abstraction which it would represent might be called by any other shibboleth as well as dollars—better, indeed, since the fiction represented by the paper would have no point of similarity to the real, tangible dollar. The real dollar, or coin in some form, would be required to settle our foreign balances, but it would be an entirely different thing from the fiction represented by the paper. Indeed, since the paper would have no real value, or be convertible into any definite quantity of anything having real value, it would make no difference whether the name inscribed on it were dollar, rupee, franc, or groschen, except so far as it might be forced upon creditors in payment of debts contracted in real dollars, or derive some fictitious value from mental association with them.

Money, to answer perfectly its purpose, must either possess value in itself, or be the representative of something possessing real value. That value may be the flocks of the early Romans, the codfish of the Newfoundlanders, the tobacco of the Virginians, or the gold and silver of all times and countries; but it must either exist in the substance used for money, or the currency must represent a definite amount of it. The fatal defect of a currency based purely on credit, as the phrase goes, is that it would be convertible into no fixed quantity of anything, and so would represent nothing. A note promising to pay a day's work of a certain kind, a bushel of wheat, or a barrel of cider, would have a substantial foundation of value, not, indeed, so stable as gold and silver, but sufficient for the purpose. But a note which simply said, "This is a dollar," but did not give the holder any right to receive a real dollar for it, would have no value. Suppose that in the days when cattle were used as a medium of exchange, the Government had issued tokens imprinted with the words, "One ox," but which did not promise to pay an ox to anybody. Can it be supposed that any one could have been found so verdant, even in those primitive times, as to accept such a token at the value of a real flesh-and-blood ox, or at any other value? No matter how many oxen the Government or the people might have owned, if the token did not entitle the holder to receive one of them, the mere inscription of the word "ox" upon it would give it no value in his eyes. The sight of the cattle grazing on ten times a thousand hills would not satisfy his hunger or pay his debts. The case supposed is precisely similar to that of the fictitious paper dollar. The gold dollar is as substantial an entity as the ox, and as little capable of being converted by legislation into an abstraction. It is vain to urge that the immense wealth and resources of the country constitute a sufficient basis for such a currency, so long as the holder of it has no claim upon them. He might as well be told that there are treasures in the moon sufficient to redeem the currency.

The difficulty could not be bridged over by making the notes legal tender, except so far as prior debts should be concerned, since, although the Government can declare that paper tokens shall be received for debts and commodities, it cannot say how many of them shall be demanded for any given article. If a merchant chose to demand a thousand of these token dollars for a yard of silk or a barrel of flour, Government could not interfere; or if it should, its efforts would be as futile as when Congress tried to legislate down the gold premium. Such a currency would be essentially different from the present greenback circulation. The greenback dollar is a promise to pay a coined dollar at some indefinite future time, and although it is and long has been irredeemable, no one doubts that the time will come when it will be redeemed at par in coin. This fact accounts for its value. The currency which we are discussing would be what the greenback would be if the Government should declare its intention never to redeem it, but that it should still be a legal tender for public and private debts. Such a currency might circulate for a time, partly because it would be forced upon creditors in payment of prior debts, and partly from mental association with real money. But as soon as the eyes of the people should be opened to its real character it would begin to sink in value, and its downward course would continue with accelerating rapidity to utter worthlessness.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The discussion, which is constantly going on with reference to our public schools is marked in some quarters by a form of argument which is by no means unnatural, but which fails to meet the practical requirements of the subject in a most signal manner. It would appear, to listen to some of the views which are presented, that the school system of the United States was a harmonious and symmetrical system, organized by a central authority, on a preconceived plan, and controlled by certain defined and permanent principles. We are asked to believe that modifications in this system ought to be made whenever any departure can be shown from the logical application of these assumed principles. Proceeding on this idea, one class of disputants tell us that the schools were intended to perform all the functions connected with education, moral and religious as well as mental, and that the exclusion of certain religious books or compilations, or of certain kinds of teachers professing this or that religious belief, is inconsistent with the original theory of the schools, and a failure to fulfill their mission. Another class insist, on the contrary, that the schools were established only to give a certain proportion of strictly mental education, and that religious doctrine, in any form or from any source, can have no proper place in the body of instruction imparted. Between these opposing theories there is every variety of exposition, all agreeing substantially, however, in the idea that there must be found somewhere an original plan for the schools, to which all suggested modifications can be referred.

But it can scarcely require much reflection on the origin of the schools to see that nearly all of these theories, supposed to be those on which the school system was framed, are in reality *ex post facto* inventions, resulting from efforts to justify various views with reference to the future of the schools. They are as far as possible from being centralized. Indeed, it is only for convenience sake, and because no more exact term is readily found, that the word "system" is applied to them. It is by no means because there is any fact, or set of facts, accurately corresponding to the term. The schools are regulated in the sight of the law by the Legislature of each State. But in practice they are regulated by the local authorities in cities and in school districts, the general laws being very vague and loose, and relating only to a very small portion of the activities of the schools, and the supervision of the State authorities being of the most incomplete character. In this way we may have one policy in New-York City and quite another in Poughkeepsie; we may find the Bible read in one district and banished from the schools of the next, or even, as in our City, a Protestant Bible read in one school and a Catholic version in another neighboring one. The schools, which have grown up gradually under this very miscellaneous management, and have reached very different results in different sections, have never had much in common beyond a general motive. Our people either in earlier or later times, in the free States, saw readily that education was essential to the development of intelligence, and to even moderate success in life. The need was universal and was almost universally acknowledged. They proceeded to carry out the general desire by the simplest form of co-operation, which, in a representative system like our own, was necessarily the political form. There were so few and unimportant exceptions to the wish for schools that the support of them by taxation was in no tangible degree unjust, and was not formerly felt to be so. The whole scheme was the product of a practical necessity stimulating the minds of a practical community. There was very little fine-spun theorizing on the subject, and those who needed the schools, not caring to postpone them until the millennium, did not try to invent a faultless method before going to work. They got as good a thing as they could and were contented with it until they saw the way clear to improve it.

We venture to call attention to this subject, because those who are, for obvious reasons, criticising our public school system, and especially the Catholic clergy, who are seeking to change them altogether, derive considerable advantage from the disposition to regard the schools as a logically connected and derived system. What the public ought to insist on in the schools is that they shall, in a general way and to a fair degree, answer the practical needs which gave rise to them. So long as they do this, it is sufficient. But if we are going to make them square to some one theory, leaving them no elasticity and little chance of free development, we shall find them not only crippled, but exposed to the danger of powerful opposition. Bishop MCQUAID, the champion of Catholic schools, would have a very much better case against the public schools if he could get their defenders to commit themselves to a narrow theory of their origin and purpose. But the object of the Roman clergy is really to do away with State schools altogether. Why, then, should they be consulted on the way in which they are to be conducted. No line of conduct would win for them their acquiescence. Nothing short of their surrender into the hands of the clergy of their Church would satisfy them. We are not prepared as a people to take that step. On the contrary, we are sure to oppose it. Why not, then, treat the schools as they have hitherto been treated—as a practical means of satisfying an urgent and general need, and content ourselves with perfecting them gradually where we can, without trying, first, to settle on a consistent and complete theory regarding them?

INDIANA'S "FAVORITE SONS."

The nomination of Mr. FRANKLIN LANDERS for Governor by the Indiana Greenback Convention is no joke to the "Indiana Ring." This junta is composed of Gov. HENDRICKS, Speaker KERR, and Messrs. HOLMAN and NIBLACK. Their candidate is Mr. HOLMAN, who is in favor of inflation, but opposed to saying anything about it. In pursuance of the plan adopted by this combination to secure the nomination of their favorite candidate, Mr. LANDERS has been the object of persistent measures of repression. He is an outspoken inflationist and a Democrat. His financial views are dreaded by the party leaders, who pursue the policy of silence; and his political aspirations are equally feared by the same leaders, who have other views, in which the nomination of Mr. LANDERS is not included. Up to this date Mr. LANDERS has not been suppressed. The Speaker, it is true, refused to see him when he rose in his place and brandished a bundle of incendiary inflation resolutions. And Mr. LAMAR, as Chairman of the Congressional Committee of the Democracy, has so far succeeded in preventing this dangerous person from compelling his party to speak out clearly on the question of specie payments. Nevertheless, Mr. LANDERS has managed to secure a nomination for Governor in Indiana, and that is more than any of his fellow-Democrats can say for themselves.

The "Greenback" Convention at Indianapolis was not an imposing gathering. Its lack of sense, its frigid atmosphere, and its general leanness, at once remind the political student of some of the conventions of BLANTON DUNCAN, and of JOHN COCHRANE, in 1872. There were the same piteous appeals to the faithful to put into the contribution-box the needed halves and quarters, which used to distinguish Mr. DUNCAN'S conventions. And no conclave of COCHRANE was ever more anxious, while protesting its independence, to cling to the skirts of the Democracy. The convention, too, was as erratic on the main question as could have been expected. As usual, the abstract proposition that gold is a standard of value was hooted at with derision, and the theory that there should be a metallic basis for the currency of the country was figuratively styled "the golden calf."

As for Mr. LANDERS, who is an inflationist because he is an Indiana Democrat, he joyfully accepts the creed of this curious gathering, and is pleased to identify it with the platform of the Western Democracy. And Mr. HOLMAN, though he is said to be "annoyed" by the whole proceeding, admits that the resolutions "represent popular feeling in Indiana." We are left to infer then, that the Democracy of Indiana are in favor of that kind of currency which is "non-exportable," except as paper-stock and which can be manufactured to any extent by the printers.

The "Independent Reformers" of Illinois, in session at Decatur, were equally amusing. They favored the curious juggle of the interchangeable and double-back-action 3.65 bond scheme, and they stigmatized our unfortunate and disreputable gold currency as "metallic money." This withering epithet is less severe than it was intended to be. The Independent Reformers, if they would be independent, should not have called this stuff "money." As long ago as 1863 Secretary CHASE invented and used the phrase of "demonetization of gold" as a temporary expedient. The reformers at Decatur intend that gold shall be permanently relegated to the mechanic arts as a useful metal. The programme adopted by these two conventions is to be ratified at a national assembly of the same sort, to be held at Indianapolis next May. In anticipation of that event, the Indiana inflationists have nominated Senator NEWTON BOOTH, of California, as their candidate for President. This nomination, we must suppose, is a recognition of the fact that the Senator is "a son of Indiana," and that he is an Independent—whatever that may now mean. That he is an inflationist is not so positive; though it is certain that in California an inflation Senator, claiming to represent that State, would be regarded with more decided aversion than that which Mr. HOLMAN feels for Mr. LANDERS.

WINSLOW'S DEFENSE.

Now that the intended European trip of Rev. Mr. WINSLOW has come to a sudden end, and he is about to accede to the loud call from his Boston fellow-citizens for his return, it becomes necessary for him to decide upon the proper defense to be made against the charges of his enemies. Judging from the experience of other noted persons who have recently been annoyed by the impertinent processes of the law, he need have little uneasiness as to the result of his coming trial. Two excellent defenses present themselves for his choice. He can either claim that he is insane, or that he is the victim of a conspiracy. Either plea would doubtless be accepted by a sufficient number of jurymen to insure a disagreement, if not an acquittal—especially if he is judicious in the selection of his lawyers. He may thus not only save himself from prison, but may experience the satisfaction of completely disappointing the rude persons who insist that he should restore the money they allege he has stolen.

In favor of the hypothesis of his insanity there is a very convincing array of facts. Until within a month ago Mr. WINSLOW was a prosperous Bostonian—a man who, in his capacity as an editor, commanded the reverent respect of young men and young women, while as a Christian minister he was implicitly trusted by all elderly persons of a serious turn of mind. Is it credible that a sane Bostonian occupying such a position should have run away in the night, preferring insignificance in Rotterdam to prosperity and popularity in Boston? Would a sane man, endeavoring to escape from his pursuers, have gone to London, where an extradition treaty was spread like a net for his feet, instead of remaining where the law could not reach him?

If these arguments do not convince the jury, it can be easily shown that Mr. WINSLOW has inherited the taint of insanity. His father was insane; for is it not asserted that he was a counterfeiter? His brothers were insane; for are we not told that they were forgers? In these days, the commission of a crime is the best of all evidence of insanity. It would have been reasonable to suppose that Mr. WINSLOW, with such a father and such brothers, must have inherited insanity, even if he had never committed an unlawful act. When he finally manifested his lunacy by forging other men's names, his deplorable mental condition became too manifest to admit of a doubt. If his lawyer does not show that he was born with an inherited mania for forgery, Mr. WINSLOW will have been extremely unfortunate in the selection of his counsel.

Perhaps the plea of conspiracy will be even better for Mr. WINSLOW'S purposes than that of insanity. It is conceded that he was, until within the last few weeks, a particularly prosperous man. What is more natural than that wicked men should envy him and desire his ruin? He was a minister of the gospel, and men of notoriously wicked lives naturally hated him and sought to injure the cause of Christianity by compassing his downfall. The conspirators practiced upon his genial, frank, and unsuspecting nature. They brought him notes to sign and asked him to sign their own names—possibly on the pretext that his handwriting was more legible than their own. In his utter ignorance of worldly affairs he did so, without even taking the trouble to look at the documents to which he thus affixed his false friends' names. Perhaps he was told that these notes were subscriptions to charitable societies, and he may thus have supposed that by signing them he was aiding in some good work. At any rate, he had no thought of evil when he committed what immoral and unbelieving persons now call forgery. If Mr. WINSLOW takes this ground, and tells his story on the witness-stand in the best style of pulpit eloquence, no one can doubt that he will rally around him a strong company of enthusiastic admirers, who will be so firmly convinced of his innocence, and of the diabolical wickedness of his accusers, that they would refuse to change their opinions even were the accused to voluntarily confess his guilt.

There are a few simple-minded persons who, knowing that Mr. WINSLOW is a felon, and that he has been arrested, are inclined to regard him as a miserably unhappy man. This is mere nonsense. Criminals who submit to the temporary inconvenience which is called "being brought to justice" are not, at the present day, men to be pitied. They have killed men whom they hated, or have stolen money which they coveted, or have committed some other technically illegal act which they felt a strong impulse to commit. Thus they have fully gratified their desires, and achieved the ends which they most earnestly sought. For this they pay the ridiculously small price of a few weeks' residence in a prison, and the subsequent notoriety of a public trial. The final result may be that juries call them temporary lunatics, or that complaisant Deputy Sheriffs assist them to visit foreign countries where there are no extradition treaties to annoy them. Such men are to be called successful rather than miserable. If murderers were hanged, or those who steal millions were sent to the State Prison, the fleeing felon who is caught by the Police would indeed be a miserable man; but we do not manage things in that way. Have SCANNELL, and LANDIS, and SWEENY, and CONNOLLY been punished for their crimes? If not, no one need as yet pity Mr. WINSLOW. He wanted money, and he procured it by forgery. He is a successful forger, and he can scarcely regard the prospect of his conviction as sufficiently plain to warrant him in exchanging the elation of success for despair at the shadow of approaching punishment.

AMUSEMENTS.

"BRASS" AT THE PARK THEATRE.

Mr. George Fawcett Rowe's new play called "Brass" was produced at the Park Theatre on Wednesday evening. A large and highly-representative audience laughed over its comical incidents and brisk dialogue for upward of three hours, and the impression its performance wrought was thoroughly wholesome and bright. It is a long while since a piece has been made known which an all-pervading geniality has rendered equally effective. Works of stronger structure are numerous, dramas in which the characters are fresher and of which the climaxes are more startling are plenty, but the gentle glow of humor, the frequent flashes of wit, and the absence of all pretense shown in the sketchy though firm handling of the writer's material, give to "Brass" an interest and an influence of its own. Were it not for the rather sombre story of *Philip Markson*, Mr. Rowe's play could with propriety be considered as a *vaudeville*. Its structure is marked by a French airiness very rarely emulated by English dramatists, and much of the language—replete with good things, some of which are perhaps too good for a miscellaneous public—rattles along in a style quite different from the heavier conversation of the English stage. Mr. Rowe, in brief, has treated an English story with French art, and the result of the effort, if we are to judge from the merriment and applause of Wednesday, is as gratifying as could be wished. With what elements at hand he has set about his task, and what methods he has resorted to in giving them form we shall now endeavor to describe. There are two plots in "Brass," or, to speak with greater precision, there is one plot and one episode, the latter, by reason of the prominence of its principal characters, running parallel with the plot through the four acts into which the piece is divided. A wealthy land-owner, *Wysern* by name, has eloped with *Mary*, the daughter of *Philip Markson*, a lawyer in *Wysern's* confidence. In due course *Wysern* abandons *Mary*, and when he appears in the first act of "Brass," both he and *Markson* suppose her to be dead. *Markson*, determined upon revenge, plans *Wysern's* ruin, and this would be consummated in the last act but for the meeting of *Mary* with her father and her husband. *Wysern* repents, and is forgiven by his wife and also by *Markson*, who has not known, until now, that his wayward child was really united in matrimony to the man she fled with. Thus is forged the chain of purely dramatic events in "Brass," and thus is the desire of the spectator to ascertain how affairs will turn out cunningly kept up until finally satisfied. But, necessary though these scenes undoubtedly are to the substantiality of the play, they are subsidiary in direct value to the less coherent tale in which the courtship of *Sybil Hawker* and *Wayton Stray* is unfolded. *Stray*, whose abiding-place is fitly declared to be "everywhere," is a dashing rogue who has traveled the world over, seen and heard everything, and imagined still more. He is brimful of marvelous anecdotes and droll sayings, and his répertoire of expedients to help the darker personages in the drama out of their distress is inexhaustible. The woman is a young, pretty, and shrewd creature, quite well enough equipped to foil with even so experienced an individual as *Wayton Stray*, and strong enough, too, to secure his ultimate reformation. The constant presence of these two characters before the footlights keeps the audience during the evening on a perpetual and agreeable *qui vive*. Both are admirably acted, Mr. Rowe, as a comedian, doing quite as much for his comedy by his assumption of this rôle as he has done for it with his pen, and Miss Rose Wood lending to *Sybil* the charm of a comely face and decided talent. To proceed at once with a review of the performance, it must be said that Mr. Rowe bears off most of the honors. In *Wayton Stray* he has fitted himself with wonderful nicety, and if the actor had not been seen in other works, it might be doubted if there was not more of nature than of art in this delineation, and if the future assumption of a rôle written without regard to his disposition and mannerisms would not disappoint by comparison. His total lack of self-consciousness, the warmth of his delivery, the beaming cheerfulness of his face, make Mr. Rowe's "brass" beam with the honest lustre of guinea gold. The adventures which *Wayton Stray* recounts fall little short of Munchausen's in improbability, but so much innocence and contentment are apparent in their exposition that it is impossible, listening to them, to lose one's temper for an instant. The same sympathetic quality of Mr. Rowe's art which enables one to accept a dozen versions of the gift of a ring which he wears on his little finger, invests with potent drollery a score of absurdities, and an episode in the third act, in which he escapes from discovery by an angry uncle by marching down stairs in the place of a superannuated domestic, and a farcical mad scene in act the fourth, while they were greeted with peals of laughter, hardly seemed dissonant with the tone of the play. Miss Wood's portrayal of *Sybil*, as we have mentioned, is in every respect acceptable. This lady who, previous to Wednesday, was unknown in this City, has experience, grace, and beauty, and, therefore, serious claims to recognition. Other proficient artists are concerned in "Brass." Mr. Lewis Morrison, also an unfamiliar countenance, endows *Wysern* with suitable gloominess and force, and Mr. J. C. Padgett, as *Admiral Hawker*, "a retired list," supplies an amusing picture of a rather improbable creature. Mr. W. J. Cogswell is a respectable *Philip Markson*, and Mr. Frank Langley presents a very happy sketch of *Horatio Tibbetts*, a bashful young curate. Mr. Vining Bowers, as *John Masham*, an ex-brewer, is also in the cast, and in the three female rôles besides *Sybil*, Miss Rose Lisle, Mrs. W. J. Brutone, and Miss Marie Louise discharge their respective duties with care and tact. The management of the Park Theatre has done its best to aid the effect of Mr. Rowe's piece by an appropriate setting. All the scenery has been freshly painted, the sets being respectively from the brushes of Messrs. Henry, Graham, Heinemann, and Morgan; richness of color and massiveness are united in every view exhibited. A new act drop by Voertlin invites attention during the *entr'actes*. Two calls before the curtain as the author of the play rewarded Mr. Rowe on Wednesday night, and, to sum up, "Brass" entered upon its public existence with as much promise of longevity as repeated tokens of genuine pleasure on the part of the audience could formulate.

THE BOSTON PHILHARMONIC CLUB.

The Boston Philharmonic Club, an organization consisting of Messrs. B. Listemann, F. Listemann, A. Hartdegen, E. Weiner, E. Gramm, and A. Belz, gave an interesting concert at Steinway Hall, last evening. By repeated performances these artists have secured a unity of taste and a precision of delivery seldom attained to, and hence their work is of uncommon interest. A very fine rendering of Mendelssohn's quintet for strings, in B flat, opus 87, opened last night's programme, and made clear at once by a perfect *ensemble* and by shading of the nicest sort the result of long and well-directed practice, combined, of course, with decided individual talent. The club's execution of Liszt's "Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2" was equally good, but this piece having been assigned again and again to a full orchestra, the effect was somewhat thin. Several capital solos were supplied between the two compositions we have referred to. Mr. Adolph Belz's interpretation on the French horn of Sabadella's prayer, was a delicious novelty, and Mr. Hartdegen's violoncello concerto, and Mr. Weiner's flute fantasia on a theme of Chopin, were both thoroughly artistic and delightful efforts. Mr. Boscovitz, the pianist of the concert, has been heard to greater advantage in more exacting tasks, technically, than Kruberger or Chopin's music sets. The vocal selections were supplied by Mrs. H. M. Smith, whose style is hardly as remarkable as her voice, and by the Temple Quartet, four well-balanced singers, whose skillfully-blended tones and ensemble would be far more impressive in better-chosen numbers. Another concert by the club is announced for this evening, and they will have a matinée entertainment to-morrow.

ITALIAN OPERA.

To-night's performance of Italian opera will introduce to the public Miss Matilda Phillipps, a sister of Miss Adelaide Phillipps and an artist of whose gifts and talent flattering reports are current. "La Cenerentola," by ROSSINI, has been chosen as a medium for Miss Phillipps' début, and it's representation will enlist the full strength of the company.

OBITUARY.

HORACE BUSHNELL D. D.

Rev. Dr. Horace Bushnell died at Hartford, Conn., early yesterday morning, after a long illness, in the seventy-fourth year of his life. The Hartford *Courant* has the following sketch of this distinguished theologian:

Dr. Bushnell was born in Litchfield, in this State on the 14th of April, 1802. When he was but a few years old his parents removed to New-Preston, a parish of Washington, situated in the north-west corner of the town, on Lake Waramaug. It was there that he grew up into young manhood, working at times on his father's farm and at others in a mill on the village stream, and a dam still stands in the stream which he built with his own hands when he was a lad. He began to prepare for college, thinking then of entering the ministry, though not being decided, when nineteen years old. He alludes to the influence of his early teachers in his *Age of Homespun*, where also the picture of the New-England home is drawn from his personal knowledge and from his own home, in part. He entered Yale College at twenty-one, and graduated with honor in the Class of 1827. His Commencement oration on "Some Prevailing Faults in the Eloquence of the Present Times," particularly attracted the attention of the proprietor of the New-York *Journal of Commerce*, and led later to his becoming the editor of that paper. Immediately on graduation he went to Norwich, in this State, and taught in the academy there. He received his offer to go to New-York in the Winter, and went in February, and for eleven months performed the duties of the editor of the paper, who was absent. These eleven months were of infinitely hard work, for system in news collecting was not then established. It was intensely tiresome, but he has always spoken of this as one of the most valuable experiences of his life. He gave it up the next January, and declined an offer of partnership from Mr. Hale, who then bought in the paper. On what money he had saved from his small salary he managed to go through the Yale Law School, and he decided then to go West and practice law and enter the field of politics.

While at home in New-Preston for a short vacation he received a call to be a tutor at Yale College. Having fixed his purpose in life he declined at once, but forgot to put a wafer upon his letter. Returning to the house for it he told his mother of what he had done, and she asked him to consider further before taking definite action. He waited, and changed his mind, and accepted the invitation. While in New-Haven, in 1831, being then about to enter upon the practice of law, a great religious change came to him, deepening the convictions of his early years, and restoring him in a fuller consideration to the ministry.

He studied theology in New-Haven and was licensed to preach in July, 1832. In New-Haven he married Miss Mary Apthorp, and he came to Hartford in May, 1833, at the unanimous call of the North Church, which was his first and only charge. He came to it when it was sadly divided, and when, as he graphically expressed it, he was "inserted between an acid and an alkali, having in for his task to keep them apart and save himself from being bitten of one or devoured by the other." But all gathered in love about him, and for twenty-six years he was Pastor of a church bound to him by a tender and peculiar union, such that the occasional inevitable slight differences arising "had no other effect than that pulling the cord tightened it," and crew people and Pastor more nearly together. At first he did not expect to remain long in the ministry, and had thought to become a Professor of moral philosophy as securing a more satisfactory and higher field of action. But of this, in 1833, he wrote: "Now all other employments, even the highest and most honorable, appear to me petty and dry compared to the ministry of Jesus Christ, and it seems an offense to be repented of that I should ever have allowed anything else to come into comparison with this. The great truths, the greater work, the sublime living of the consciousness therein allied to God—to be called away from these to a Professorship of moral philosophy would signify about as much to me now as a call out of paradise, not more." He preached his farewell sermon, his "lifetime funeral" he called the occasion on the 2d of July, 1833. He was then suffering from consumption, as it appeared, which rendered his further occupation of the pulpit impossible, and bade fair to carry him away in a very short time. But he was a man of an almost iron constitution when he began life, and it is now more than twenty years since his health first showed signs of failing. Of those who were active in the church when he came to it, scarcely any remain. The church in which he preached has been pulled down and made over for business purposes, and the society has now the Park Church on Asylum street.

Dr. Bushnell's first literary work after his settlement here was an address on the "Principles of National Greatness," delivered before the Yale Phi Beta Kappa Society in 1837. His first volume published was on *Christian Nurture*, in 1847, which he expanded and reprinted in 1860. His *God in Christ* came out in 1849, and led to his trial for heresy. He was, however, acquitted by a vote of 17 to 3, and the activity of those who then differed from him not abating until some time afterward, his church withdrew later from the Consociation. In 1851 he brought out *Christ in Theology*, which was his "answer for the doctrines" in the preceding volume. In 1858 came his *Sermons for the New Life* and *Nature and the Supernatural*. In 1864 his *Work and Play* appeared, a volume of essays and addresses, not sermons, and they are a most interesting evidence of the wide activity of his mind outside of theological matters, and of his originality and breadth of his thought. *Christ and His Salvation* and *The Vicarious Sacrifice* came soon after. In 1868 came the *Moral Uses of Dark Things*,

MR. BEECHER ARRAIGNED.

ANDOVER'S CALL FOR A COUNCIL.

THE LETTER TO PLYMOUTH CHURCH—POSITION OF THE ANDOVER SEMINARY CHURCH — A FULL INVESTIGATION WANTED—THE CALL THE RESULT OF A CONVICTION OF DUTY.

Below is published the letter containing the proposition of the Andover Theological Seminary Church to Plymouth Church for a Mutual Council to investigate the charges against Henry Ward Beecher. The communication was written on Thursday, Feb. 10, and was placed in the hands of Mr. Tilney, the clerk of Plymouth Church, on Sunday last, by the committee from the Andover church appointed for that purpose. Following is the letter:

ANDOVER, Mass., Feb. 10, 1876.

The Congregational Church in Andover Theological Seminary to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

DEAR BRETHREN: In addressing you upon one of the most painful and perplexing subjects which ever stirred the sympathies or awakened the solicitude of Christian hearts, we desire, first of all, humbly to acknowledge our need, and fervently to implore the illumination, of that wisdom which is from above.

As members with you of the body of Christ, and particularly as joined with you in the fellowship of the Congregational Churches of the land, we feel the truth of the words, "Whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." We have rejoiced in your prosperity; we have been proud of the good name and world-wide influence of your Pastor. We have had unquestioning faith in his purity and Christian earnestness. We have admired his fervor and boldness in the defense of his convictions of truth. All the more, therefore, have we suffered when accusations of immorality have been made against him with a definiteness and persistency which have by degrees shaken, in the minds of multitudes, not only of irreligious men, but also of many in our churches, that confidence in his integrity which once was universal.

When those charges were no more than vague aspersions, we, together with other Christians, deemed them worthy only of contempt. Even long after they assumed a more definite form, it was enough and more than enough, that apparently they awakened in your minds no misgivings, and that they were directed against one whose established reputation raised him above such assaults. No real solicitude arose until, while accusation grew bolder, he remained silent. And when at length that silence was broken, and denial uttered, relief was well-nigh as universal as it was instantaneous.

When, afterward, Mr. Beecher was represented as having himself acknowledged some great offense, and at his request you instituted an investigation, it was hoped that the exact and whole truth would be developed, and that in consequence every cause of suspicion would be removed. But the result of that inquiry, though powerfully reinforced by your unanimous adoption of it, failed to satisfy a large portion, at least, of the public, including many members of our churches, partly because the evidence against him as elicited from his own letters and conduct was unexpectedly weighty, and partly because it was believed that important witnesses had not appeared. Then followed the long legal investigation—inconclusive as respects the verdict of the jury, and unsatisfactory in that there remained in the public mind the sense of something still unexplained, and the belief that important testimony had not yet been heard.

Since the legal trial closed allusions to this unprocured evidence have abounded in the public journals. Names have been given, and without contradiction, of responsible witnesses, members of various Christian churches, who, it is affirmed, have something to say which is essential to a correct judgment in the case.

In view of this, we have looked to see you demand the most searching public investigation. We have waited to hear from you a challenge for everybody who can testify, of his or her own knowledge, anything against Mr. Beecher's integrity or purity, to come before you and bear witness. But this our reasonable hope has thus far been disappointed; and the painful impression has been produced on many minds that you desire to avoid, rather than to secure, that exhaustive examination which is needed. This impression has been deepened by the fact, that when at length you have called from various parts of the land an ecclesiastical council to advise you respecting your discipline, we find no indications in the letter missive of a purpose on your part to institute that investigation which most vitally concerns your usefulness and prosperity as a church of Christ, and is absolutely essential to the vindication of the good name of your Pastor. We can readily believe that with your firm conviction of his innocence you may naturally shrink from even aiding in subjecting him to further trial. But, brethren, he is and must be on trial, in some form or other, until the evidence in the case is fully brought out. Nothing less than this can permanently satisfy the reasonable demands of the public mind.

It should not be overlooked by you that Mr. Beecher is not simply a member of your church, nor even merely its appointed leader and ensample, but the most widely-known and conspicuous minister of Christ in our communion. His eminence brings with it proportionate responsibility. That he should be widely and increasingly believed to be guilty of shameful crime when his innocence might be fully established, not only leaves his name exposed to ignominy, but also brings reproach on the Christian ministry and the Christian Church. Indeed, we know not that a more grievous calamity could befall Christian effort to bring men under the renewing and elevating influences of the gospel of Christ, than that they should be led to suspect that the Christian Church shrinks from investigating charges of guilt responsibly and publicly affirmed against any of its members. Brethren, do not suppose us to impute this to your intention. We desire only to remind you of what must inevitably result if Christian men shall in any wise seem to oppose an open, direct, free, and full investigation of this subject by a tribunal which can command the respect of all upright men.

In view, then, of these public facts: the recognized eminence of your Pastor; the definiteness and gravity of the accusations made against him; the responsible character of the persons making them; the general conviction that these charges imperatively require a thorough examination; the open taunt thrown out by the world that a gross offense exists which neither you nor your brethren of other churches are able or willing to remove; the suspicion thus awakened that our policy has no effective method of procedure in cases of such magnitude; the daily increasing aggravation of this evil by your prolonged delay to solicit a definite and exhaustive examination through the agency of an ecclesiastical council; your seeming unwillingness to admit that there is even a *prima facie* case against your Pastor requiring an investigation; the dishonor which is consequently left resting upon him, and upon the cause of Christ—in view of all this, we are constrained in Christian faithfulness, and by a conviction of duty to our Congregational brotherhood and to the kingdom of Christ, to advise you of the burden of reproach which rests upon us and upon the Christian name, and which must remain so long as this great public scandal shall seem to be tolerated by a sister church.

Although usually in cases of accusations of ministerial offense a tribunal is created, according to our polity, by the convocation of a Mutual Council, selected one-half by the church, and the other half by the accused party, yet it is plain that such a remedy does not meet the present exigency. Through your failure to use this remedy when accusation first seemed to you to demand attention, and through your subsequent unanimous and unvarying affirmation of your Pastor's innocence, you are so identified with him in the public estimation, that any council of investigation called solely by you and him must encounter distrust from the outset, embarrassments in its investigations, and the suspicion and danger of incompleteness in its result. Hence the necessity of a different method of investigation.

We ask you, therefore, to unite with us in calling an ecclesiastical council empowered to make a thorough investigation of this painful case.

We propose that the council meet as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be made, in some suitable church or hall in Brooklyn, N. Y., or the vicinity; said council to be composed of the representatives of not less than twelve or more than twenty churches, together with not less than six, nor more than ten individuals of recognized standing in our denomination, selected one-half by you and one-half by us. Before this tribunal, let every one who knows anything respecting the charges of adultery and perjury, or anything whatever of a kindred nature, against Mr. Beecher, or who can, by testifying, help in such an investigation, be invited and challenged to appear, or else forever after hold his peace.

Brethren, permit us to add that only a conviction of duty could impel us thus to address you. An emergency has arisen which requires that some church should assume this responsibility. The duty is a plain one. We cannot hold ourselves exempt.

We hope also that a movement instituted by us at this distance from you may itself impress upon you the extent and depth of the solicitude felt by our churches in reference to this question, and that you will recognize the fact that by its history and traditions this church has a peculiar interest in a question that is pre-eminently one of the protection and purity of the Christian ministry. Nearly one-third of the present Congregational clergy of our country and about 2,000 living ministers of the Gospel have been associated with the church in this seminary. And, brethren, if through our instrumentality, in co-operation with you, the name and fame of your Pastor can be vindicated from reproach, no church will rejoice more than ours, and no body of men will be more grateful than the Pastors and preachers who have gone forth from Andover Seminary.

We do not overlook the fact that your attention is at present largely occupied with other matters, but, deeming the subject which we have now presented to be of great and urgent importance, we would ask for a reply to our request at your earliest convenience.

By vote of the church this letter is signed in its name by the Moderator of the meeting and by the clerk, and will be conveyed to you by a committee of the church.

JOHN L. TAYLOR,
Moderator and Acting Pastor.

EGBERT C. SMYTH, Clerk.

THE BANCROFT-BRISTOW DISPATCH.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE LATE MINISTER TO THE GERMAN EMPIRE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Hon. George Bancroft has inclosed to Representative Swann, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, copies of the recent correspondence between the Secretary of the Treasury and himself, and which he designs for the information of the committee. In a letter dated the 14th inst., Mr. Bancroft says he was alike amazed and grieved on finding that an official paper, sent under the sanction of the Treasury Department to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a statement that "George Bancroft, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the German Empire, owed the Government $5,074 77, since allowed." This statement, Mr. Bancroft says, generally and specifically, is diametrically opposed to the facts. On the 1st day of July, 1875, he had no account with the Government whatever. He retired from the office of Minister at Berlin on June 13, 1874, and on that same day forwarded to the Fifth Auditor his accounts as Minister for the quarter ending on that day. It was found correct in every particular and was promptly adjusted. A very large balance, though only a nominal one, was found due him. Of this he was apprised by a letter from the First Controller, bearing date of July 3, 1874. He then makes a statement as to the payment of the money, and concludes by saying: The Secretary will see how grievously the Department has wronged him, and he invokes the Secretary at the earliest possible moment to repair the injury which had been done to him. Secretary Bristow, on the 15th, first acknowledges the receipt of Mr. Bancroft's letter, and explains that the Committee on Foreign Affairs had requested the Register of the Treasury to furnish a list of balances due diplomatic and consular officers as shown on his books on the 1st of July, and that this balance appeared thereon to Mr. Bancroft's debit. It appears that the Register omitted to give credit as he had been directed to do by the accounting officers. The credit was given, however, as soon as the omission was discovered. The statement rendered shows that the balance against him no longer exists, the words "since allowed" being used to denote that it has been removed. The Secretary regrets that this matter has been the source of annoyance to Mr. Bancroft.

Mr. Bancroft responds, Feb. 16, that the Secretary's answer is not such as he had a right to expect from his sense of justice. "It is not," he says, "as a matter that caused me annoyance that I addressed myself to you. My complaint is that you have done me the most grevious wrong that a Secretary of the Treasury can inflict on a public officer of the country. I have repeatedly held high stations under the Government, and in every instance, without one exception, the accounting officers have found, when I retured from office, that the United States were indebted to me. Many weeks ago the Committee of the House on Foreign Affairs requested of you, Sir, and not of the Register of the Treasury, a statement of the amounts due the United States from diplomatic and consular officers on the first day of July, 1875. After taking a long period for inquiry, you saw fit on Thursday or Friday of last week deliberately to report that a year and a day after I had retired from office as Minister at Berlin, I, who really never was in debt to the Government, remained a debtor to it to the amount of $5,074 77, when in truth such a balance was never then or at any time due from me. You have further reported that the above-named sum of $5,074 77 has been 'allowed' me since July 1, 1875, when, in truth, as you well know, nothing has been allowed me since the final settlement of my accounts immediately after my return to my country in 1874. As these errors, and to me most injurious, statements were made by you to a committee of the house and so through that committee to the press at home and abroad, you will see that for my instant and complete vindication I have a right to demand of you, under your own hand, the most clear, explicit, and unequivocal statement, that immediately on my return from my post at Berlin, I lost no time in seeking from the Fifth Auditor and the First Controller a formal adjustment of my accounts as Minister at Berlin; that the accounting officers promptly gave their attention to my request; that the First Controller, on the 4th day of November, 1874, definitely adjusted and closed my accounts, finding a balance due me from the Department of State of $30 02, and a balance of $2,386 51 due to me from the United States Financial Agency of London, which last was not collected by me till about the 19th of November, 1874, so that, in fact, on the final adjustment of my account the Government of the United States was in debt to me $2,416 53. I have a right, further, to the acknowledgment from you, under your own hand, that the statement which you sent to the House committee, that on the 1st day of July, 1875, I owed a large balance to the Treasury of the United States, is diametrically contrary to the true state of the facts; and that your letter of this morning, which no doubt arises from pardonable irritation on your part, I beg to say that you can scarcely suppose that the Secretary of the Treasury personally keeps the accounts of any of the officers whose accounts are kept in this department. The system of accounting and book-keeping, established by law, is carried on by the officers appointed under the authority of the law, and although these are under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, you must be quite too familiar with the magnitude of the business of the department to suppose that the Secretary can have actual personal knowledge of the various accounts kept in the department. In this particular case the inquiry of the Commissioner required a statement of how the accounts stood on the 1st day of July, 1875. The inquiry was necessarily referred to the Register of the Treasury, who has charge of the books, for the purpose of preparing a response thereto, and the answer furnished by him contains a statement of your account as it stood on the books of his office on said date. In order that there might be no mistake in the information furnished, the paper prepared by the Register was sent to the First Controller for examination before being forwarded to the committee. The words written opposite your name, 'since allowed,' were perhaps not well chosen, but I think you have given them too narrow a construction. It was not intended by them to convey the idea that an amount had been allowed and paid to you, but simply that the proper entry had since been made on the books of the Register of the Treasury, which caused that apparent balance to disappear. It is due to frankness to say that it has since been discovered that the mistake in your case arose in the following manner: Your final account was adjusted and revised Nov. 4, 1874, and you were so advised by the Controller on that date. In said adjustment you were charged with drafts drawn on Morton, Rose & Co. amounting to $5,074 77, and there remained due to you $30 02, for which you drew to balance your account. When the banker's account was subsequently adjusted, showing the payment of the above draft, you were erroneously charged again with the same drafts, making a double charge in that amount, and causing you to appear as a debtor in the amount stated. This error was not discovered until after July 1, 1875." The Secretary incloses to Mr. Bancroft a copy of the communication he has addressed to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, explaining how the error occurred, and in conclusion, begs to assure Mr. Bancroft that he is ready to make whatever reparation may be in his power for any injuries occurring to him through the inadvertance of any officer of the department.

ALBANY.

THE LAWS RELATING TO THE INSANE—KINGS COUNNY CHARITIES BILL—THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—THE COUNTY TREASURERS BILL—TESTIMONY OF HUSBAND OR WIFE IN TRIALS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1876.

This morning the House, in Committee of the Whole on the bill amending the Insane laws of the State, adopted an amendment that no person shall be committed to an insane asylum except upon the certificate of two practicing physicians, graduates of duly constituted colleges, authorized by law to grant diplomas, approved by the County Judge of the county. Mr. Worth's Kings County Charities bill, which provides for the appointment of a non-partisan Charity Commission, was considered in the same committee, and progressed. In the House, however, Mr. Worth moved that the Committee of the Whole be discharged from its further consideration, and that it be ordered to a third reading. In sustaining his motion he said that the bill sought not only to secure economy and save large sums to the people of Brooklyn, but also to legislate out of office five men who were objectionable to the tax-payers, and who had abused their positions for partisan ends. The bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 63 to 56. Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Education, reported the following perfected Constitutional amendment regarding the common schools.

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That Article 9 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following sections:

SECTION 2. The state shall maintain a system of common schools which shall be free forever. The Legislature shall provide for the instruction in the branches of rudimentary education for the period of at least twenty-eight weeks in each year of all persons in the State between the ages of five and twenty-one years, annually raising therefor, by tax upon the real and personal estate in the respective counties, a sum of not less than three million dollars.

SEC. 3. Neither the money nor the credit of the State, nor of any county, town, or municipal corporation, shall be given or loaned to, or be otherwise applied to the support of, any school or schools under the control of any religious sect or denomination, or to any school or schools not wholly the property of the State, or of the county, city, town, or village in which they are located.

The following resolution was presented with the amendment and passed:

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That the foregoing amendment be referred to the Legislature to be chosen at the next general election of Senators, and that in conformity with section 1 of article 13 of the Constitution, it be published for three months previous to the time of such election.

The Senate sent for concurrence the resolution which provides for an adjournment in honor of Washington's birthday from to-morrow afternoon until Monday, the 28th inst. This was non-concurred in and sent back to the Senate. It is now probable that an adjournment will be had until Wednesday evening next. The Speaker presented the report of the Committee on Crime of the last Assembly. [It will be found in another column.] Then, on motion of Mr. Strahan, a recess was taken until this evening.

The evening session was protracted, and a great deal of routine business was transacted. Among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Fish in regard to claims and legal proceedings against the municipality of the City of New-York. The bill regulating the grading, paving, and improving the streets of the City of New-York was considered in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Forster moved to strike out the sixth section, which gives the Board of Street Opening and Improvement the same power throughout the City that it has south of Fifty-ninth street. Mr. Fish assented to this, and it was stricken out. Mr. Strahan moved to strike out the provision to charge interest on advances made to contractors and also the provision that no sum less than $2,500 shall be paid a contractor. Mr. Fish assented to this and it was adopted. Mr. Strahan moved to amend by requiring that assessments for street improvements shall be confirmed only by a majority of the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments. This was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to a third reading.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Hammond's bill in relation to County Treasurers occupied the Senate in Committee of the Whole during the greater part of to-day's session. Many Senators took part in the debate, but owing to the wide divergence of opinion very little progress was made. The only amendment of importance was made to the fifth section, which, as it stands now, provides that the County Treasurer shall receive one-half of one per cent. of all moneys disbursed and received by him. The money in excess of $10,000 each year thus received shall be paid into the County Treasury, and in counties with a population of more than 120,000, the salary of the clerks necessary shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors, and made a separate charge against the county. The bill was finally recommitted to the Judiciary Committee and progressed, so that its place on general orders may be retained.

The following important bill, in relation to criminal cases, was, after some debate in Committee of the Whole, ordered to a third reading.

SECTION 1. All persons jointly indicted shall upon the trial of either be competent witnesses for each other, the same as if not included in the indictment.

SEC. 2. In all criminal trials and examinations before trial, a husband or wife may be examined as a witness on behalf of the other, but upon no such trial or examination shall a husband or wife be compelled to testify against the other.

The debate developed the fact that the bill had received very careful attention in the Judiciary Committee. It was ordered to a third reading, and will, beyond doubt, soon become law.

Senator Baaden introduced a bill amending the laws of 1866, creating a Metropolitan Sanitary District and a Board of Health therein for the preservation of life and health and to protect the spread of disease, as follows:

Provided, however, that no action shall be brought by the Board of Health against any person before the board shall satisfy itself that the provisions of the law of the sanitary code have been knowingly or willfully violated and disregarded, and that in all cases of action so brought the accused party shall have the right to ask a trial by jury; and that in case of a withdrawal and settlement of a suit on the part of said board no charges beyond the legal fee securing the same shall be made; and that all actions brought before a Civil Justice shall be tried in a court of the district where the accused party resides or the complained of property is situated.

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THE HIPPODROME REVIVAL.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS — PRAYER AND SALVATION THE SUBJECTS CHOSEN BY MR. MOODY.

In accordance with the new arrangements, the regular noon prayer-meeting at the Hippodrome yesterday was held in the main instead of the overflow hall. Although the large hall will seat 7,000 people, it proved hardly adequate to accommodate the audience that assembled within it. The services, however, were much shorter and less stirring than usual, Mr. Moody's remarks being exceedingly brief. Among the prominent clergymen present were Rev. Dr. Stephen Tyng, Sr., President Foss, of the Wesleyan University, Michigan; Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Ormiston, (Reformed,) Miller, Anderson, Holme, Reid, Herr, A. C. Arnold, and Allman, (Baptists,) Hepworth and Virgin, (Congregationalists,) and Mickle, Burch, Chapman, Johns, Davis, and McAllister, (Methodists.) After prayer by Dr. Holme, and the singing of the hymn "Grace! 'Tis a charming sound," Mr. Moody spoke for the last time on the subject, "The Conditions of Prevailing Prayer." He chose a number of texts, the principal one, however, being the following: "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."—St. John, xiv., 12, 14. We should make all our prayers in Christ's name. We musn't think that God will answer them if they are not in His Son's name. If we attempt to do anything for God in our own name as a matter of course we fail. I sometimes think that we are our own greatest enemies. We are always bringing "self" into our worship, prayers, and work. And if we search our hearts we will find that we all want our prayers answered for our own sake and not for Jesus' sake. We will thus find that our prayers have not been answered because our motive in making them was wrong. Let us then rise to a higher plane. Let us ask that our prayers may be answered in such a way that the answer will bring glory to God's name. The sermon was followed by an eloquent prayer by Rev. Dr. Stephen Tyng, Jr., and remarks by Rev. Drs. Ormiston and Foss. Mr. Sankey, contrary to his usual custom, also made a brief address before he sang the solo, "Not now, my child; a little more trough." At the conclusion of the meeting the usual woman's services were held.

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The Assembly of 1875 appointed a select committee to investigate the causes of the increase of crime in the City of New-York. This was a Democratic committee, consisting of three Democrats, Messrs. Thomas C. Campbell, Leo C. Dessar, and John T. McGowan, and two Republicans, Mr. James W. Husted and Mr. Jacob Hess. The committee commenced its labors in the Summer, and continued them, not without intermissions, until the election. Their searches for the causes of the increase of crime led them to examine into the workings of the Police force, of the Criminal and Special Sessions Courts, of the Coroners' Office, of the District Attorney's Office, of the Board of Excise, into the status of the social evil, and into the condition of prisons, reformatories, and Ludlow Street Jail, the place of confinement for civil offenses.

The report of the committee, embracing the principal facts which they learned, and also their suggestions as to the best method of dealing with such evils, has just been presented to the Assembly.

THE POLICE FORCE INADEQUATE.

Nearly the first half of this pamphlet of 134 pages is given to the subject of the Police force. The facts given in this portion are very interesting, and are acknowledged by all to be undeniably genuine. Full scope is given to the evidence respecting the conduct of Police Captains, which was fully published by THE NEW-YORK TIMES at the time it was given. The pamphlet shows that several Captains habitually protected gamblers, panel-thieves, and prostitutes, from whom they received a regular payment of large sums. This led to much corruption, and consequent inefficiency in the force generally, all ranks endeavoring to make illicit gains. A sharp rub is given to the respectable citizens who leased houses to keepers of infamous dens. The subject of policy and lottery swindling is also dealt with, and the fact is shown that the Police are not to blame for this business, since out of hundreds of arrests only two convictions have followed. No recommendation, however, is offered of how the thing is to be fought. Considerable space is also given to consideration of the detective force. The committee are of opinion that while all kinds of crime have been winked at by the Police force at sundry times, from the detective force they have received constant and systematic support. The ward detectives have aided the Captains in organizing systems of black-mail, and the head-quarters detectives have constantly stood between criminals and the just punishment of their offenses. The opinion of the District Attorney concerning these officers, that they were of such a character that he must utterly refuse to place any confidence in them, is quoted as a final summing up of the matter. Then comes a recapitulation of the machinery of the entire force, and the opinion is expressed that the incessant intermeddling of politicians lies at the bottom of the knavery of some and the inefficiency of all. And after this is given the testimony of Gen. Smith and others concerning the want of sufficient numbers, in which it is proved that each night patrolman has to traverse a beat of one mile and twenty-three rods. This gives such long intervals between his passing any given point and his return as greatly to facilitate the operations of thieves. The committee estimate that 500 additional policemen are absolutely essential to the security of the lives and property of citizens, and earnestly press upon the Legislature the necessity of taking immediate action. They make some calculations as to the amount of present compensation, and believe that with a very little reasonable adjustment the additional expense would not be great. The patrolman now receives $1,200 per annum; they recommend that the force should be graded into payments of $800, $1,000, and $1,200 a year, according to efficiency and merit. And they also propose that the roundsmen should receive an additional $100, and that the pay of Sergeants be raised to $1,750, of Captains to $3,000 from their present pay of $2,000, and of the four Inspectors to $4,000, from $3,500. They recommend that the Assistant Superintendent should receive $6,000, the pay at present of the Superintendent, and that the latter shall receive a salary of not less than $8,000 a year.

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Cotton-seed Oil, bbls	100	Pork, pkls	416
Dried Fruit, pkls	10	Beef, pkls	445
Eggs, bbls	1,800	Cut meats, pkls	1,907
Flour, bbls	11,279	Grease, pkls	25
Wheat, bushels	23,600	Lard, pkls	1,697
Corn, bushels	19,138	Butter, pkls	2,632
Oats, bushels	32,492	Cheese, pkls	2,170
Malt, bushels	678	Tallow, pkls	375
Barley, bushels	7,500	Lard-oil, bbls	50
Grass-seed, bags	708	Dressed Hogs, No	272
Peanut, bbls	1,499	Rice, pkls	620
Corn-meal, bbls	798	Sugar, hhds	44
Corn-meal, bags	603	Starch, bxs	1,075
Oat-meal, bbls	100	Silk, bales	222
Hops, bales	295	Tea, half chests	5,347
Hides, No	543	Tobacco, hhds	267
Hides, bales	833	Tobacco, bxs., & c	460
Leather, sides	8,695	Whisky, bbls	383
Moss, bales	60	Wool, bales	11
Molasses, N. O., bbls	48	Skins, bales	39
Spirits Turp., bbls	610		

ASHES—Very little inquiry has been noted for any description. We quote prices nominally steady on the basis of $5 @$5 50 for Pots and $7 for Pearls ₱ 100 lb.

BEES-WAX—Has been in generally light demand, and quoted at from 31c.@33½c. for Yellow, the latter for very choice.

BRICKS—There has not been much call for any description. Prices have not varied materially. Sale quoted at $3 25@$3 75: Jersey, $5 75@$6 25; Haverstraw, $6 50@$7; Long Island, $6 50@$7; Croton Front, $9@$12; Philadelphia Facing, $28@$30; Baltimore, $47@$50 ₱ 1,000, and stock delivered from yard at an advance of $2@$3 ₱ 1,000 on these figures.

COFFEE—Rio has been quoted steady, on, however, a very moderate inquiry. Sales reported of 5,011 bags, by the Patria on private terms....Stock of Rio and Santos here, 248,713 bags, and at the outports 119,723 bags, with 31,631 bags afloat and loading for the United States. Other kinds have been dull and irregular, with the recent movements (part previously reported) summed up thus: 2,218 mats Java, ex Richard McManus, sold before arrival, on private terms; 6,111 bags Maracaibo and 100 bags Jamaica, sold in lots for consumption within our range; 3,514 bags San Domingo, shipped to Europe by first hands, mainly to Hamburg. At auction 44 bags Ceylon sold at 18½c....The stock of other than Rio and Santos in first hands here this morning was 47,151 bags and 142,527 mats.—We quote invoices thus: Rio, good ordinary, 14¾c.@15c.; fair, 16c.@16¼c.; good, 16¾c.@17c.; prime, 17½c.@17¾c., gold, ₱ lb., 60 days' credit; Rio, in job lots, 15c.@18¾c., gold; Santos, fair to good invoices, 16c.@17c.; Java invoices, 23c.@25c.; Maracaibo, 16c.@18½c.; Laguayra, 17c.@18½c.; Savanilla, 16c.@18c.; African, 17c.@18c.; Mocassar, 19c.@20c.; Ceylon, 18c.@19½c., and San Domingo, 15c.@15½c., gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Has been inactive for early delivery at unchanged prices. Demand from all sources light.... Ordinary quoted at 9½c.; Low Middling at 12¾c.@ 13¼c.; Middling at 13 1-16c. ₱ lb....Sales were officially reported for prompt delivery of 637 bales, (of which 46 bales were on last evening,) including 9 bales to shippers, 315 bales to spinners, and 313 bales to exporters. And for forward delivery, on which time movement has been reported, but at lower prices....Sales have been reported since our last of 31,600 bales, (of which 3,600 bales were on last evening, and 28,000 bales to-day,) with 900 bales on the basis of Middling, with February options closing at 12 13-16c. @12 27-32c.; March, 12⅝c.@12 29-32c.; April, 13 5-32c.; May, 13 13-32c.; June, 13⅝c.@13 21-32c.; July, 13 13-16c.@13 27-32c.; August, 13 13-16c.@13 27-32c., showing a decline of 1-16c.@¼c. ₱ lb., closing weak. The receipts at this port to-day were 3,203 bales, and at the shipping ports were 15,474 bales, against 19,378 for the last week, and thus far this week 92,338 bales, against 97,377 bales same time last week. The receipts at all the shipping ports since Sept. 1, 1875, have been 3,274,335 bales, against 2,-997,701 bales the corresponding time in the preceding Cotton year....Consolidated exports (five ports) to Great Britain from all the shipping ports, 38,018 bales; to the Continent, 35,872 bales; stock in New-York, 160,904 bales; consolidated stock at all the ports, 388,727 bales.

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Good Ordinary	10⅞	10⅞	11	11
Strict Good Ordinary	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜
Low Middling	12¾	12¾	12¾	12¾
Strict Low Middling	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞
Middling	13	13	13 1-16	13 1-16
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	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	9¾	9¾	9¾	9¾
Strict Ordinary	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼
Good Ordinary	10⅞	10⅞	11	11
Strict Good Ordinary	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜
Low Middling	12¾	12¾	12¾	12¾
Strict Low Middling	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞
Middling	13	13	13 1-16	13 1-16
Good Middling	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Strict Good Middling	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
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NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing Meridian of 50 at 48 latitude, or nothing to the north of 48.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 47 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

JAVA.....WED., Feb. 23 CHINA.....WED. March 8
RUSSIA...WED., March 1 PARTHIA, WED., March 15

Steamers marked * do not carry an Steerage passengers. Cabin passage, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms.

Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling Green. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

The steamers of this line take the Lake Routes recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., going south of the Banks on the passage to Queenstown and the usual route homeward.

ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, Feb. 19, at 1 P. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, Feb. 26, at 6 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 4, at noon
GERMANIC.....SATURDAY, March 11, at 3 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships, where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

Rates—Saloon, $80, $90, and $100, gold; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $28.

For passage or plans and other information apply at the Company's office, No. 37 Broadway, New-York.

E. J. CORTIS, Agent.

INMAN LINE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Feb. 19, at 1 P. M
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Feb. 26, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, March 4, at noon
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, March 11, at 8 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, March 18, at 11 A. M.

and each succeeding Saturday from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN.....$60, $80 and $100, Gold
STEERAGE.....$28, Currency

Drafts issued at low rates.

For cabin passage and general business apply at the company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For steerage passage at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, VIA PLYMOUTH.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent (being more southerly than any other), will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

AMERIQUE, Poupon.....Saturday, Feb. 19
LAFAYETTE, Nielsen.....Saturday, March 4
LABRADOR, Pengilley.....Saturday, March 18

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) first cabin, $110 to $130, according to accommodation. Second cabin, $75. Third, $40. Reduction to intermediate and excursion rates. Steerage, $26. With superior accommodation, including all necessaries without extra charge. Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers. LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, 55 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Via Queenstown.)

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

TUESDAY.

Leaving Pier No. 46 North River as follows:

WYOMING.....Feb. 22, at 3 P. M.
IDAHO.....Feb. 29, at 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....March 7, at 3 P. M.
DAKOTA.....March 14, at 8 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....March 21, at 2:30 P. M.
MONTANA.....March 28, at 7 A. M.

RATES FOR PASSENGERS REDUCED.

Steerage, $26. Intermediate, $40; cabin, $65 to $80, according to stateroom. Steerage office, No. 29 Broadway. General offices, No. 63 Wall st.

WILLIAMS & GUION.

STATE LINE.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

These first-class full-powered steamers will sail from Pier (new) No. 45, North River, New-Jersey, as follows:

STATE OF INDIANA.....Thursday, Feb. 24
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....Thursday, March 9
STATE OF VIRGINIA.....Thursday, March 23

And every alternate Thursday thereafter. First cabin, $80, $70, and $60; return tickets, $120. Second cabin, $40; return tickets, $80. Steerage at lowest rates. Apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.

No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

N. B.—On and after March 1 the steam-ships of this line will discharge and load at pier, also, embark passengers at their Pier, No. 42 North River, (Pacific Mail dock,) foot of Canal st.

Steerage office No. 45 Broadway.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO JAMAICA, HAYTI, COLOMBIA, and ASPINWALL, and to PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall.) First-class, hall-powered iron-screw steamers, from Pier No. 51, North River:

FOR HAYTI, COLOMBIA, ISTHMUS OF PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall:)

ALPS.....March 15.
ETNA.....March 15.

FOR KINGSTON AND HAYTI:

ATLAS.....March 11.
CLARIBEL.....March 30.

Superior first-class passenger accommodation.

PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents, No. 56 Wall st.

NATIONAL LINE.

From Pier No. 44 and 47 North River.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

SIRECR.....THURSDAY, March 2, 11 A. M.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

The Queen Sat. Feb. 19, P. M | England, Feb. 26, 3 P. M.
Egypt, March 11, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80 and $70, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage passage, $26, currency. Prepaid steerage tickets from England, Ireland, and Scotland at the lowest rates. Drafts issued from £1 upward at current rates. Apply at the company's office, No 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FLORIDA LINE.

FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER,

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AT 3 P. M.

INSURANCE TO DESTINATION ONE-HALF PER CENT.

GREAT REDUCTION IN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES.

ALWAYS AS LOW AS BY OTHER LINES,

AND NO DETENTIONS.

Goods loaded on steamer when shipped.

Mark goods care RAVENEL & CO., Charleston, S. C.

For rates of freight or passage apply to

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Or to BENTLEY & HASELL, No. 317 Broadway.

ANCHOR LINE.

CARRYING U. S. MAIL.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

ANCHORIA.....SATURDAY, Feb. 19, 1 P. M.
STILLA.....SATURDAY, Feb. 26, at 6:30 A. M.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Cabin passage, $65, $75, and $80, currency.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $28.
Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling green.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.:

THE FLORIDA PORTS,

AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

THREE STEAM-SHIPS PER WEEK,

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS.

CLEOPATRA, Capt. SUCKLEY, TUESDAY, Feb. 15, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 62 Southst.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. CHEESMAN, THURSDAY, Feb. 17, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Feb. 19, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

ASHLAND, Capt. CROWELL, TUESDAY, Feb. 22, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent,
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Insurance on this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.

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FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

SAILING FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3 P. M.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST.

CHAMPION.....SATURDAY, Feb. 19
GULF STREAM.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent.

Goods forwarded free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

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NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

Company's Pier, foot of 2d st., Hoboken.

NECKAR.....Sat. Feb. 19 | H. M. N.....Sat. March 4
SAXONIA.....Sat. Feb. 26 | WESER.....Sat. March 11

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.

First cabin.....$100 gold
Second cabin.....60 gold
Steerage.....30 currency

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $30 currency. For freight or passage apply to OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

WEEKLY FLORIDA LINE.

FOR PORT ROYAL, S. C., FERNANDINA, FLA., and BRUNSWICK, GA. The steam-ships CITY OF AUSTIN, Stevens, Master; CITY OF DALLAS, T. Hines, Master; CITY OF HOUSTON, Doerr, Master, will leave Pier No. 20 East River, every THURSDAY at 3 P. M., for Port Royal and Fernandina. This route is the only direct one to Florida without change of steamers. No transshipping of goods and no cartage. Lower rates given than by any other line. Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Port Royal Railroad to all points in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and the Atlantic, Gulf, and West India Transit Company to all points in Florida. Insurance one-half per cent.

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Steam-ship CITY OF DALLAS sails Feb. 24.

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PACIFIC MAIL S. S. LINE.

FOR CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, NEW-ZEALAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, &c.

Sailing from Pier foot of Canal st., North River.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

S. S. COLON.....WEDNESDAY, March 1

Connecting for all CENTRAL AMERICAN and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO JAPAN AND CHINA.

S. S. CITY OF NEW-YORK.....March 1.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO VICTORIA, PORT TOWNSEND, TACOMA, PORTLAND, &c., &c.

On the 10th and 25th of every month.

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H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE.

Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M:

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Feb. 29
CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Thursday, March 2
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, March 9

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS,

Calling at HAVANA, PROGRESO, CAMPEACHY, TUSPAN, and TAMPICO

CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Feb. 29
CITY OF HAVANA.....Tuesday, March 21

For freight or passage apply to

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Steamers will leave New-Orleans March 5 and March 26 for Vera Cruz and all the above ports.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—EXPRESS for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

5:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

9:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Philadelphia at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:00 P. M.

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AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York, via Desbrosses and Courtlandt Street Ferries, as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 6 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport and Lock Haven at 9:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. For Corry and Erie, 8:30 P. M., connecting at Corry for Titusville, Petroleum Centre, and the Oil Regions.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited Washington Express" of Pullman Parlor Cars, daily, except Sunday, 9:30 A. M.; arrive Washington, 4:10 P. M. Regular at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 8, 9, 9:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For trains to Newark, Elizabeth, Rahway, Princeton, Trenton, Perth Amboy, Flemington, Belvidere, and other points, see local schedules at all ticket offices.

Trains leave Philadelphia, from Pittsburg, 6:55 and 10:30 A. M., and 9:20 P. M. daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 12:45 A. M. daily, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 6:20 A. M. From Philadelphia, 6:10, 6:20, 6:35, 10:15, 11:20, 11:54 A. M., 2:15, 4:05, 5:15, 6:10, 7:40, 8:44, 9:20, 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 11:54 A. M., 7:40, 9:20, and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts.; No. 4 Court st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson st., Hoboken. Emigrant ticket office, No. 8 Battery place.

FRANK THOMSON, General Manager. D. M. BOYD, Jr., General Passenger Agent.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. Dec. 5, 1875.

Leave depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. at

7 A. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow, Stockton, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

1 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tunkhannock, &c., making close connection for Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk, stopping at all stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West. Pullman's sleeping coaches attached.

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ROBERT H. SAYRS, Superintendent and Eng'r.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Jan. 1, 1876, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, and Buffalo.

11:00 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans, arriving at Montreal 8:50 A. M.

6:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Watertown and Canandaigua. Also, for Montreal via Plattsburg.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland, and Cincinnati; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Albany and Troy. Way trains as per local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Nov. 29, 1875, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M. 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; For Newport at 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M., (7 P. M. on Sunday;) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 10 P. M., (10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
S. M. REED, Vice President, New-York.

ERIE RAILWAY.

Winter Arrangement of through trains, December, 1875. From Chambers Street Depot. (For 23d st. see note below.)

9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express, Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

10:45 A. M. daily, except Sundays, Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping coach to Buffalo.

7:00 P. M., daily. Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Cleveland and Chicago.

7:30 P. M., except Sundays, Western Emigrant train.

Above trains leave Twenty-third Street Ferry at 8:45 and 10:15 A. M., and 6:45 P. M.

For local trains, see time-tables and cards in hotels and depots.

JNO. N. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent.

WICKFORD RAILROAD ROUTE TO NEWPORT, R. I.—Passengers for this line take 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M. express trains from Grand Central Depot, arriving at 4:20 and 8:20 P. M.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT, CITY AND COUNTY of New-York.—SAMUEL NEWELL, surviving and sole acting Executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth M. Walter, deceased, and Samuel Treat and Samuel Newell, sole surviving Trustees under the said will of Elizabeth M. Walter, plaintiffs, against JOSEPH RIDGWAY, Sarah M. Ridgway, Mary A. Ridgway, Jane E. Ridgway, Moses N. Ridgway, Jr., Joseph D. Ridgway, Edward G. Ridgway, Hugh Ridgway, Mary Ridgway, Walter Ridgway, George Gunn, Lewis Gunn, Newton Gunn, Mary Bidwell, Julia Beach, Harriet Gunn, Emeline Gunn, Ellen L. Moffatt, Annette Bartlett, Addie J. Graves, Joseph R. Gunn, Charles N. Gunn, William H. Gunn, Mary R. Gunn, Annie H. Styron, Susan T. Mercer, and John T. Murphy and George H. Nichols, Executors of the last will and testament of Charles W. Walter, deceased, and Augusta Stinde and William W. Goodrich, Administrators of the estate of Mary R. Walter, deceased, and Augusta Stinde and William W. Goodrich, Administrators of the estate of Joseph R. Walter, deceased, Joseph Ridgway, George Gunn, and Samuel Newell, Administrators with the will annexed of Mary Ridgway, deceased, defendants. To the defendants, and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 55 Pine street, in the City of New-York, within the time of twenty days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated November 19, 1875.

JOHN D. TAYLOR, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

The complaint in the above-entitled action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the Court-house, in said City, on the 27th day of January, 1876. JOHN D. TAYLOR,
ja28-law6wF* Plaintiffs' Attorney.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—AUGUST L. NOSSER, plaintiff, against REINHARDT KROMM, Albert Hermes, Rosalie Neuburger, Jacob Neuburger, Henry Roche and Mary his wife, (her real name being unknown,) Defendants.—Summons.—For Relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the New Court-house, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, number 261 Broadway, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, Jan. 7, 1876. ADOLF LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The said complaint was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 8th day of January, 1876. ADOLF LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—AUGUST L. NOSSER, plaintiff, against REINHARDT KROMM, ALBERT HERMES, ROSALIE NEUBURGER, JACOB NEUBURGER, WILLIAM H. H. JOHNSTON, and MARY, his wife, (her real name being unknown,) WILLIAM WOLFF, defendants.—Summons.—For relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants above named.—You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the new Court-house, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 261 Broadway, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, Jan. 7, 1876.

ADOLF LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The said complaint was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 8th day of January, 1876.

ADOLF LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT, COUNTY of New-York.—EMELINE H. MCINTYRE, plaintiff, against HYRAM C. MCINTYRE, defendant.—Summons, for relief, (com. not ser.)—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 67 Wall street, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said compaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York City, Jan. 17, 1876.

C. W. TOWN, Plaintiff's Attorney.

No. 67 Wall street, New-York City.

The complaint in above-entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and of the City and County of New-York on the 20th day of January, 1876. C. W. TOWN, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.—NOTICE IS hereby given that BENJAMIN BENNETT, of the City of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New-Jersey, hath this day made an assignment to the subscriber for his estate for the equal benefit of all his creditors, and that said creditors must exhibit their respective claims under oath or affirmation within the term of three months.—Dated Dec. 31, 1875. JAMES W. DAVIS, Assignee,
ja14-law6wF* No. 87 Newark av., Jersey City.

PROPOSALS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the School Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward, at the hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until FRIDAY, the twenty-fifth day of February, 1876, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for the desks, seats, and platforms required for certain schools in said ward.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same time and place for erecting iron stairways at Nos. 222 and 224 East 75th st.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

EUGENE H. POMEROY,
JOHN J. MACKLIN,
JONATHAN O. ALSTON,
FERD. T. HOPKINS,
M. THALMESSINGER,
Board of School Trustees, Nineteenth Ward.

Dated New-York, Feb. 12, 1876.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—AN application will be made at the Special Term of the Supreme Court at the new Court-house, New-York City, on the 10th day of March, 1876, at ten o'clock A. M., by the Young Ladies' Christian Association of the City of New-York, for leave to assume the name of the Young Women's Christian Association of the City of New-York. ORPHAS BRAINERD, Attorney for petitioners, No. 48 Pine st., New-York.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1876. Ja28-law6wF*

DIVIDENDS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE American Coal Company, of Allegany County, Maryland, have this day declared a dividend of four per cent., payable on the 10th day of March next. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th inst. to the 10th day of March, both inclusive.

M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1876.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ORGANIZE THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK:

In conformity with a law of the State of New-York, passed the 25th day of June, A. D. 1853, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of fire insurance companies," and the several laws amending the same, the undersigned corporators do hereby declare that we intend to form an incorporation under said law, for the purpose of transacting the business of "insurance," by making insurance on dwelling-houses, stores, and all kinds of buildings, and upon household furniture and other property, against loss or damage by fire and the risks of inland navigation and transportation, to be styled the "Franklin Fire Insurance Company," and located in the City of New-York. Feb. 16, 1876.

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THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

THREE INTERESTING SESSIONS.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH FILLED AT EVERY MEETING—AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO MR. VAN COTT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL—HE ACCEPTS AND MAKES A STATEMENT.

Yesterday, for the first time, public interest was manifested to a great extent in the proceedings of the Advisory Council called by Plymouth Church. The church was well filled during the afternoon session, and in the evening standing room could not be obtained either in the body of the church or in the galleries, so great was the crowd drawn together to hear Mr. Van Cott, Mrs. Moulton's counsel, who, it was announced, would make a statement in reference to the negotiations for the proposed but abandoned Mutual Council. During the morning session, after a long debate, it was resolved to extend an invitation to Mr. Van Cott to come before the council or the special committee, as he, in his judgment, should select or desire. The remainder of the morning and the greater part of the afternoon session was devoted to hearing statements from Mr. John Winslow, Mr. Shearman and Mr. Beecher in reference to the manner in which the Investigating Committee had been appointed by Mr. Beecher, and the course which they subsequently pursued to elicit information. At the evening session Mr. Van Cott gave a history of the negotiations between himself and the Plymouth Church Committee for the calling of the proposed Mutual Council, after which several members of the council put questions to him to elicit further information on the subject. The proceedings of the evening were brought to a close by an announcement by Dr. Bacon that he had received a letter from Mr. Henry C. Bowen, which, however, was not read. It was referred to the Business Committee, after which the council adjourned.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The council met at 9:30 o'clock, and devoted the first half hour to devotional exercises. The business session began at 10 o'clock, Gen. Bates, Assistant Moderator, in the chair. The minutes having been read and approved, President Sturtevant, of Illinois College, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the council invite Judge Van Cott to appear before them, that he may state his view of the facts as they relate to the negotiations for the mutual council between himself, as Mrs. Moulton's representative, and the committee of Plymouth Church.

I wish, continued Dr. Sturtevant, to give my reasons for presenting this paper. I was very much gratified in reviewing the topic to-day to which this resolution refers. I feel the absolute necessity of inviting Judge Van Cott to appear before this body and to state his views in reference to the fact of the negotiations, under all the advantages which the committee of Plymouth Church has enjoyed, and I feel assured that if this council takes the other view of the case, and does not invite Judge Van Cott, but makes up its result upon the statement of the Plymouth Church, that we shall do to Plymouth Church and its Pastor an incurable injury. It will be pronounced as white-washing operation. This is not like the other questions. The other questions that preceded are questions of supposed cases, and our action is entirely independent of any fact which may exist. We have injured nobody. We have only propounded opinions on questions of no consequence. But here is a simple question of fact: Were the Committee of Plymouth Church blameworthy, censurable, at any point for the failure of these negotiations for the mutual council? Now we have heard their statements. These statements are very clear, and so far as they appear they are satisfactory, but as Dr. Bacon has said, there is another side to this question, and if we mean that our results shall have any influence on the public mind and be respected we must hear that other party. It will be asked, why not, then, call in all the parties? And here I am very reluctant to dissent from Dr. Bacon. I don't think that the inviting of the Pastors of the Clinton Avenue Church and of the Church of the Pilgrims stands at all upon the same basis that these matters stand. They are not on trial before this body. They cannot be put on trial before this body. Remarks have been made incidentally by the committee and others in reference to those gentlemen, but this council is not going to consider anything whatever in relation to them. It is true that the committee of Plymouth Church did suggest the impropriety of calling those two gentlemen on the council, but in the first place, the Plymouth Church had a right to its opinion on that point, and we are not to criticise them for entertaining this opinion in reference to their business, even though we should think the opinion a false one. There have been occasions enough, there has been excitement enough in this City of Brooklyn to account for the fact that Plymouth Church have some sensitiveness upon this subject, even if they should have some unjustifiable sensitiveness. A man, and even a church, has a right under some circumstances to be excited. I have felt regret in the course of these proceedings at the severity with which some remarks have seemed to bear upon those churches and their Pastors. But still the fact that Plymouth Church suggested that those Pastors were unsuitable men to sit here, only implied that they were men, and not that they were bad men at all; but only that they are liable to bias and prejudices which all men are liable to, and no more than that is implied in it. I say, then, that those churches are not on trial, and the fact that they have been objected to is no ground for their appearance here at all. In 1874 how was it? Plymouth Church was on trial, and for that great council to have propounded its opinion without calling on Plymouth Church to speak would have been an outrage, open and obvious before all men. It does make all the difference in the world, and there is no reason whatever to call those gentlemen in for self-vindication now, although there was the best of possible reasons why Plymouth Church should be called in at that time. We have no occasion to fear the effect of the precedent of inviting Judge Van Cott in reference to the other question. They are supposed cases. They may allude to cases, but this council don't know it. They have no right to know it. If the question was on communications between the church committee and Mr. Tilton and Mr. Bowen, then there would be the same necessity for hearing these gentlemen as there is now of hearing Judge Van Cott. But until the council is investigating the proceedings of Plymouth Church in those cases there is no cause whatever why these gentlemen should be called upon. The case is simply this: If this council decides that Plymouth Church has done no wrong in the matter of the mutual council, then it does say that Mrs. Moulton and her representative have done wrong, and if the Mutual Council failed, be the fault of the one or the other, and if we say it did not fail on the part of Plymouth Church, we in the same word say it failed by the fault of Mrs. Moulton. Can we say that and not hear Mrs. Moulton?

Dr. Walcott, of Cleveland, said that the committee of which he was Chairman, (that on the fifth topic,) had already unanimously decided to call Mr. Van Cott before them, and he was therefore strongly in favor of the resolution, and he hoped it would pass.

President Sturtevant, of Illinois College, suggested that Judge Van Cott make his statement before the committee on the fifth topic.

Dr. Walcott said that he thought the committee ought to hear Mr. Van Cott before he made his statement to the council.

Dr. Parker here announced the reception of a telegram which stated that Dr. Horace Bushnell, of Hartford, Conn., had died. No words of his, he said, were fitting to accompany the telegram, and he would therefore hand it to Dr. Bacon, who was above all others the proper one to receive it.

Dr. Bacon, in receiving the telegram, said that Dr. Bushnell was born in the same year as himself, and they had been in college almost at the same time. The most distinct and vivid impression the speaker had of the remarkable personality of Dr. Bushnell was gained from a sermon preached by the latter in the First Church of New-Haven. He had differed in many points of Christian doctrine with Dr. Bushnell, but he believed his views would influence the religious and theological thinking of coming ages. In closing, he said he would beg leave to move "that this council receive with deep sensibilities the intelligence of the removal from earth of the venerable Dr. Horace Bushnell, and that it unite in giving thanks to God for his eminent and widely diffused usefulness in the universal church."

Dr. Parker offered the following additional resolution:

Resolved, That the ministers and representatives of the Congregational Churches now assembled in council, in Brooklyn, have received the tidings of the death of Dr. Bushnell with profound sorrow, and that we hereby tender to his family our hope that their trust and consolation will be in the Lord.

This was approved by Dr. Porter, and the council then adopted it, together with the motion of Dr. Bacon.

At the request of the council Mr. Beecher led in a prayer, referring especially to the death of Dr. Bushnell.

The discussion of the propriety of inviting Judge Van Cott before the council was resumed by Rev. Mr. Howell. He spoke in favor of the resolution, and said that he had prepared one almost similar to the one presented. He thought that in justice to Mr. Beecher and the church all the light possible should be thrown on the subject.

Dr. H. M. Storrs wished to modify the resolution so that it would request Mr. Van Cott to appear before the special committee, but after some discussion this amendment was rejected and the resolution as passed was worded so as to invite Judge Van Cott to appear before the council, but if he preferred it was left to his choice to make his statement before the special committee.

The Scribes were then instructed to notify Judge Van Cott of the vote of the council as soon as possible.

Rev. Lyman Abbot, of the Business Committee, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the special committees of this body be enjoined to keep their results private, and that their conclusions be reported and considered in private session.

2. That on the report of the special committees, or any of them, this council go into a committee of the whole for their consideration.

3. That a special committee of nine be elected by the council on nomination by the Moderator, by and with the advice of the two Assistant Moderators, which committee shall at the conclusion of the discussion take the results of such discussion and embody them in a report for the final consideration and action of the council.

Dr. Walcott hoped that the first clause of the first resolution would not pass. It seemed to reflect upon the special committees. The reading of the resolution was sufficient to hint the desire of the council for secrecy. It would look bad on the council record that it was necessary to pass a vote closing the mouths of the special committees. Mr. Abbot explained that the clause had been written to protect the special committees from the hundreds of hungry men who were anxious for news, but he was willing to have the clause struck out. A motion to strike out the clause was passed. The resolution was further amended so as to leave out the phrase "private session," objectionable to some of the delegates. The amended resolution read:

Resolved, That the council be by itself to hear and consider reports of special committees.

The second resolution then coming up, Mr. Abbot explained the effect of going into a Committee of the Whole. It would, he said, give opportunity for the freest and fullest discussion, the action of the Committee of the Whole in no way binding the council. The resolution was considered in parts, and the first clause was amended by striking out the words "or any of them," it being the expressed wish of the council that all the committees should report at the same time; otherwise it was said that a part of the council might be absent during the reports of any one committee. The second half of the resolution was laid upon the table, it being understood that the matter covered in it had better be discussed in private session. A motion to instruct the committees to be ready to report this morning was also laid on the table, it being considered best to hear all that the Plymouth Church Committee and Mr. Van Cott had to say before taking such a vote.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Lee the council voted that each delegate was in duty bound to be present at and throughout each session of the council, and that no delegate should be allowed to go home without permission from the Business Committee. The council then took its noon recess.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Bacon was in the chair at the opening of the afternoon session. The Scribe reported that he had received a reply from Mr. Van Cott, which stated that he had received the communication from the council, and that he would be present in the evening session to make a statement in behalf of Mrs. Moulton. As provided by the motion of the morning session, the order of business was the examination of the committee of Plymouth Church on the sixth question of the letter missive. The committee was represented on the platform by Messrs. Shearman and Raymond and Henry Ward Beecher. Rev. George B. Spaulding, of Dover, N. H., Chairman of Committee No. 4, was allowed to ask a few questions.

Q.—Did Mr. West ever make any charges against Mr. Beecher? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Would you say that his reason for not making charges was the belief that he entertained that Mrs. Moulton had already made charges? A.—The church never supposed that Mrs. Moulton had made any formal charges.

Q.—Had the committee any reason to think that Mrs. Moulton considered her statements as charges? A.—We think she had a vague idea of that sort. She evidently thought that Mr. Beecher's case should be taken up in view of what she had said, and that her case should be dropped.

Q.—Did Mrs. Moulton ever offer to prove charges against the Pastor of Plymouth Church? A.—At the time when the question of dropping her name from the roll was being discussed she said that she was not ready to prove her statements. She said, however, that at some future time she would be ready to produce proof.

Dr. Strong and others of the Sixth Committee then took the committee in hand. The draft of the information elicited on the sixth question was that in asking whether Plymouth Church was censurable for its rules and principles or its administration, the church wished the council to take into consideration any and every act ever performed by the church. Under this interpretation inquiry was made by Dr. Warren into the particulars of the Beecher investigation of 1874. By request of Mr. Beecher, Mr. John Winslow, one of the six constituting the Investigating Committee, described the mode of the operation of the committee. Mr. Wilson said that the committee opened the door for everybody that knew anything about the case. The investigation was free and full. Dr. Warren asked Mr. Winslow if in his judgment there was any evidence at present suppressed which seemed to call for a new investigation. Mr. Winslow replied that he had no doubt there was a lot of what the law calls hearsay evidence and common sense calls "gossip," which was not in the possession of the Investigating Committee. Mr. Beecher was also examined as to his views of Congregationalism and as to his connection with the various matters under consideration of the council. The matter of Mr. Beecher's trip to Boston was brought up in connection with a paragraph in the *Sun*, stating that the trip to Boston was made to pack the council. Rev. Mr. Means, of North Cambridge, and Rev. William B. Wright and Dr. Strong, who took part in an interview with Mr. Beecher in Boston, denied the statements in the *Sun*, and said that their understanding of the purpose of Mr. Beecher's trip was that he came to Boston to get advice as to the best method of getting the truth of the scandal. It was asserted, these gentlemen said, in the *Sun*, and had been repeated by a Boston Doctor of Divinity, that Mr. Beecher had said in Boston that there were some bottom facts which he did not want to disclose. He had said nothing of the sort. On the contrary, in answer to an explicit inquiry, he had said that there was nothing that he knew that he was not willing to publicly state. Having made these statements to the council, Mr. Beecher was asked if they were correct. He said "Yes." He did not want to conceal anything. At length Mr. Beecher was asked by Dr. Twitchell if he would state because of the unpleasantness between himself and Dr. Storrs. The question was no sooner asked than Dr. Fessenden jumped to his feet. "Before that question is answered," said he, "I wish to state that it is said that there are facts in the possession of Dr. Budington and Dr. Storrs which, if stated, would alter our opinion of you, Mr. Beecher. Now would you be willing to have Drs. Budington and Storrs come before this council and tell all they know?" This proposition took the council by surprise. Before Mr. Beecher could say anything himself Dr. H. M. Storrs secured the floor. He said that the question had no business before the council. The letter missive did not call for it. He was prepared to argue against its admission if necessary, but he thought the members of the council had best think of the matter themselves over night.

Dr. Bacon supported Dr. Storrs. He declared the question inadmissible. He would not allow it to be answered. Mr. Beecher then said that it was not fair for brothers to interpose when he seemed to be in an unpleasant situation. He wanted it understood that he was willing then or at any time to answer those questions or any others. He hoped there would be a tribunal, a council where those questions would be asked, and he was willing to have Drs. Budington and Storrs as his prosecuting attorneys, ecclesiastic. Still he would not answer the questions then because it did not seem to be the choice of the council to have them answered. The council at once adjourned in a high state of excitement, and the members remained in the church for some time discussing the recent occurrences. It was generally thought that Mr. Beecher's friends had made a mistake in forbidding him to answer the questions of Drs. Twitchell and Fessenden.

THE EVENING SESSION.

The evening session began at 7:30 o'clock, and after prayer by Rev. Dr. Strong, of Boston, Mr. Wellman rose to a matter of privilege, and said he wanted to assure the council that the churches of Boston and vicinity were not inimical to Plymouth Church or its Pastor. There was no general feeling of that kind among the ministers; they had a kind feeling toward Plymouth Church as well as toward the Church of the Pilgrims and Clinton Avenue Church; they were proud of these Churches and appreciated the great work which they had done for Christianity. It was true that many of the churches were "at sea about this trouble," and they would be glad to have it cleared up forever.

It was announced that Mr. Van Cott was present, and he was invited to the platform. Coming forward, he said:

MR. MODERATOR: All my life I have been able to find my own platform and stand upon it. I received, Mr. Moderator, this morning the invitation of the council to appear and answer certain queries indicated by the resolution adopted by the council. I acknowledge the courtesy of the invitation, and I have promptly responded to it, but I wish, Sir, that there should be no misunderstanding as to the character in which I am here. I am not here as a member of the church of the Pilgrims; I am not here as the counsel of Mrs. Moulton; I am not here to represent anybody but as a private gentleman, responding to an invitation of this great council, to give it information as to the facts which I am supposed to know, and which the council desired to know; and whatever I say to-night, I am responsible as an individual, to God and to you, and not responsible as representing anybody or to charge anybody with any responsibility for what I say. I have thought it necessary to say this, Sir, to avoid misapprehension. There is so much misapprehension, and there is so much error and trouble arising from misapprehension, that I wish my position here to be distinctly defined and understood. Now, Sir, with your permission, I will recur to the terms of your resolution.

Dr. Walcott—I do not wish that there should be any misapprehension in regard to the position of the council. As I understand the vote of the council, the learned gentleman was invited here as the representative of Mrs. Moulton. He was invited here as the gentleman who was the counsel of Mrs. Moulton.

Mr. Van Cott—As the gentleman who was the counsel of Mrs. Moulton.

Mr. Van Cott read the resolution of the council and continued:

At the period some correspondence had passed between Mrs. Moulton, her counsel, and this church I was asked to take the place of the gentleman who had represented her, who was not a member of the Congregational Church, and who supposed that by the usage of the church he would not be at liberty to go for her before a council, and that being her understanding of the matter, it was thought desirable that she should be represented by some person who, if the negotiation resulted in a council, might represent her in the council, and for that purpose I was called in, as I say, at a late period. There was a preliminary meeting between the committee of the church and myself, in which some matters were discussed to which we did not agree, but in respect to which we came to an agreement to disagree and go on, and it was accordingly arranged that we should meet on Jan. 3 for the purpose of naming churches and ministers, and ministers without churches, to be invited to constitute the council, the number of churches and the number of ministers having been preliminarily agreed upon. Accordingly on Jan. 3 we met. It was expressly understood between us that each choose one-half of the churches and one half of the ministers invited, and then we proceeded to make the choice. Out of deference to so great a committee of so great a church, I proposed that they should lead off, but the committee, with characteristic modesty, suggested that I should lead off, and I led off. Now, before I proceed further let me retrace one step to state what had occurred at a previous meeting. It was suggested by the committee of the church that it would prefer that churches should not be selected from either of the two cities. I heard the suggestion with respectful attention, but did not assent to it. It was proper for it to have a preference, but this preference could not make the law of the case. We met, as I said, on Jan. 3; I named a church in the City of New-York, the committee named another church, and so we proceeded until each had named ten churches. Upon my suggestion they led off in selection of individual delegates and ministers, and we mutually named five ministers. And so the list was complete. I may here say, that there may be no misunderstanding, that two of the churches so named were the Church of the Pilgrims and Clinton Avenue Church, the third church the Central Church, Dr. Scudder, and a church in New-York, the Tabernacle, Dr. Taylor. Those were four of the churches named by me. The number having thus been complete, it was arranged that we should adjourn to a day late in the week, and we finally agreed on Jan. 7, with the understanding that each party should correspond with the churches and ministers which had been invited. I have the answer of a distinguished gentleman upon this platform acknowledging his gratification that he had not been able to infer from the tenor of the letter which party had invited him. We met on Jan. 7, pursuant to arrangement, to announce the answers. It was announced that the churches and ministers invited by the committee of this church had generally accepted, and announced on my part that the churches and ministers written to had all been heard from, with the exception of the most remote church and one minister, and one church had declined.

It was announced also on the part of Plymouth Church that one of the churches named by the committee did not report favorably on account of the sickness of the Pastor. Having reached that point, it being now ascertained that the Church of the Pilgrims and the Congregational Church of Clinton avenue had accepted the invitation, a member of the committee of this church produced a paper, which he proceeded to read, which was in substance a protest against the invitation of the Church of the Pilgrims and the Clinton Avenue Church. I have a copy of the paper which was read. I said at once in answer to it: "Your objection violates the principles of the Mutual Council. Your objection violates the arrangements by which the churches were selected, and I was put to the duty of corresponding with them, informing them that they would be invited as agreed upon, and the thing had been completed." I asked for a copy of the protest. My right to it was at once conceded, and the clerk of the church made a copy on the spot. I observed as the copy was being made what I thought to be some alteration in the original. The copy was presently finished and delivered to me. On reading it, I observed, as I thought, and still think, a change of certain expressions, but I made no observations about them, for the obvious reason that it was in their own control, and I do not refer to it now with any view to imply any censure whatever, but to draw the attention of the council distinctly to the fact that it was a paper prepared and brought to the meeting and read as a paper so deliberately prepared; brought and then copied and delivered to me. Now, it was spoken of by Mr. Shearman in his address to the council—for I read his address in the paper—as an oral communication; that objections were stated. My answer to it is: A copy of a paper was asked for, and a copy of a paper was delivered to me as soon as the copy could be made on the spot.

Some criticism has been made of the expression "protest," by which I distinguished that paper. Well, now, there is nothing implied in the word protest. It was applied to this written instrument to distinguish it from something less formal than an objection—as something more solemn. But it was referred to me as a written paper in which is sufficiently stated the objections they brought forth to the hiring of the two churches. But call it what name you please, the fact remains the same. The committee adjourned to reassemble on Jan. 10. I had a copy of the paper delivered to me as a protest, which is in my possession now. It is as follows:

First—That the Pastors of these two churches are well known to have committed themselves to the side of Mrs. Moulton in the controversy, and that one of them has publicly declared that Plymouth Church was unquestionably wrong in this action.

Second—That these two churches have assumed an attitude hostile to Plymouth Church, from which attitude they have never withdrawn.

Third—That Mrs. Moulton has for some time past been a regular attendant at one of these churches, and is understood to have announced her intention to unite with it if permitted by the result of the council.

At the meeting on the 10th I asked the committee to withdraw this protest; that was declined; I then read what I called a counter-protest; I distinctly disclaimed that Plymouth Church had a right to protest; I said the objection entertained on the part of the committee distinctly disclaimed any right and their part to make such a protest, and subject to that disclaimer I proceeded to protest against four churches which had been named on their part, which there is no earthly reason for naming here.

On the same evening, after the meeting had adjourned, I received an offer from the Plymouth Committee to withdraw the four churches named in my counter protest if I would withdraw the two churches protested against by them. I took time to consider that. On the 11th, the day after, I wrote that I would communicate the answer to their protest on the 12th. In the meanwhile I had received from the Central Church notice of the declination of the church to accept the invitation to the council. That threw out the local Brooklyn churches, and left Mrs. Moulton without any local representation if the protest was yielded to against the other churches. I had also received information that certain persons who had been invited to the council and expected to come would not come if the local churches were not to be represented in the council; so that I was in the position of having my whole arrangement dismembered and melted away. On Jan. 12 I met Mr. Shearman and then read to him the alternatives to which I was driven, and which are as follows:

First—To adhere to the churches protested against, with the risk that the protest would prevent the acceptance by those churches.

Second—To waive those churches and select substitutes for them; or

Third—To take the ground that Plymouth Church having formally accepted the mutual council and assented to my selections, it made it my duty to communicate with the selected churches this protest, it subverted all principles of the Mutual Council, and practically and in substance defeated what it informally had agreed to.

Mr. Van Cott said that he finally decided to reject the offer as to the withdrawing of the churches, and that ended all negotiations as to the matter of the Mutual Council.

In reply to Dr. Wolcott, Mr. Van Cott next read his letter of Jan. 4 to the churches and ministers, asking if they would serve on the Mutual Council if invited. He said it was suggested by the Plymouth Church Committee that the protest should be kept private, but he declined to act upon the suggestion, and said he would exercise his own judgment. He thought he was bound in honor to inform these two churches of the protest, and he accordingly wrote to them to that effect.

Mr. Shea, of Illinois—Whatever position the protest placed these churches in, did not your protest place the other churches in the same position.

Mr. Van Cott—Undoubtedly it did,

Mr. Deane—I observe one discrepancy between Mr. Van Cott's statement and the statement of the committee of the church. We have heard that this objection or protest was made orally, or simply in the way of personal protest, and that at Mr. Van Cott's request it was put in writing. I understood Mr. Van Cott to say that they came prepared with the paper.

Mr. Van Cott—I have stated the facts precisely.

Dr. Edward Beecher—I wish to make an additional statement, and to see if Mr. Van Cott's memory agrees with my own. When the committee met I introduced the subject by a verbal statement that there were reasons which rendered it proper that these churches should be withdrawn. The exact form of my language I do not recollect, but I did not use the word "protest." It was in reply to my statement that the paper was read.

Mr. Van Cott—I have no fault to find with the paper.

Dr. Edward Beecher—It was not a formally-drawn paper at all, and the word "protest" did not occur in it, and it was only an informal minute.

Mr. Tilney—At a meeting of the committee, after it was decided to suggest the objection, I hastily have put down on a piece of paper the substance of the objection, and when I called on Mr. Van Cott I used that paper, and when Mr. Van Cott asked to put the protest in writing we reduced it to writing with verbal alterations.

Dr. Edward Beecher—My recollection coincides with that.

Mr. Shearman—We suggested the points to Mr. Tilney to put down because he is a short-hand writer. In the first place, we did not intend to place it on record, but when Mr. Van Cott asked us to put the protest in writing the paper presented to him was different in words.

Mr. Van Cott—I think there is more than a difference of words. When that paper was read I asked for a copy, and when I got it I thought the phraseology varied from the original paper.

Mr. Shearman—We informed him that the phraseology varied.

Mr. Porter (to Mr. Van Cott)—Did you understand that Mrs. Moulton was to name ten churches?

Mr. Van Cott—Yes. It was expressly agreed that each party should select ten churches and five ministers.

Mr. Shearman—I desire to ask Mr. Van Cott if all this preliminary argument was not between us alone; that each was to submit ten churches to the committee.

Mr. Van Cott—That is not my recollection.

Mr. Porter—Did the Committee of Plymouth Church originally use the word "protest" when they read the paper.

Mr. Van Cott—They simply read that paper and I called it a protest.

Mr. Robinson—Was any objection made when you named the churches on Jan. 3, or prior to the time when the paper was brought in?

Mr. Van Cott—Not a word was said previous to the paper being brought to me.

Dr. Marsh—In the letter sent out by Mr. Van Cott he uses the expression, "We have agreed upon twenty churches." I wish to ask if the Plymouth Committee agree to that as a fair statement.

Mr. Shearman—There was no agreement, Sir; no expression of assent on either side, nor no expression of dissent.

Q.—You would then regard Mr. Van Cott's statement as incorrect? A.—I should regard Mr. Van Cott as having given it a fair construction.

Dr. Strong—Was it possible to agree upon an impartial council without selecting local churches?

Mr. Van Cott—My idea was, that a fair council could not be called after the local churches had broken down. We thought that the locality where the whole thing was known should participate in the council, and we regarded it as a failure when those churches were excluded.

Dr. Bacon—Is there not such a thing as a change of venue recognized by the law courts in Connecticut?

Mr. Van Cott—Yes, but the court must be satisfied by judicial inquiry that it is right to grant it.

Dr. Bacon—I would like to ask in regard to that interview in which these churches were agreed upon—how long a list had you prepared to carry to that meeting?

Mr. Van Cott—I had more on my paper than the required number. There was a chance that some of the churches on my list might be named by the other side.

Dr. Walcott asked Dr. Bacon if there was not historical precedent for going outside the vicinage for an impartial council.

Dr. Bacon—I happen to remember that fifty-one or fifty-two years ago—[laughter]—I should have said the greater part of a century [renewed laughter] there was a famous case at Danbury, which is not so great a place as this, although they have a newspaper there. [Laughter.] It was a case involving the character of a lady of high standing. Some person, by imprudence and repetition of unfounded stories, caused the town and neighborhood to be lighted as with a flame of combustibles. The church did what they could, but the more they did the worse it became. [Laughter.] Two councils were held, and the father of these two Beechers [Henry Ward and Edward] was mixed up in the case a good deal. [Great laughter.] He was the adviser for the accused. The end of it all was that a council had to be called from a distance, and it settled the matter.

Dr. Walcott—Did Mr. Van Cott do all in his power to secure a mutual council?

Mr. Van Cott—I wish to say, on my honor as a man, that Mrs. Moulton desired the council, and that I desired it.

Q.—Did you not think a mutual council could be secured notwithstanding the protest? A.—I did not so, and so I abandoned it.

At this point on motion of Dr. Wolcott a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Van Cott, and he retired from the room.

Dr. Bacon next announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Henry C. Bowen. He wished to know what disposition would be made of it. It was referred without reading to the Business Committee to report upon.

Following is the document:

No. 90 WILLOW STREET, BROOKLYN, Feb. 17, 1876.

Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., Moderator:

SIR: The following appears in a Brooklyn paper of this evening:

"Mr. Warren—Did you send for Mr. Bowen?

Mr. Winslow—Not by any written summons. We sent by Mr. Claflin and the answer came that he was at Woodstock, and had nothing to say; not that he didn't know anything, but that he would not say anything."

In reply to the above permit me to say that I was twice in the city during the sessions of the Plymouth Church Investigating Committee; that I never was invited to be present, nor was any hint or intimation given that I was wanted. On the contrary, I was told by one of the committee that I would not be called. I could have given, if summoned, what I proper to give next week to the Examining Committee of Plymouth Church my reasons for believing Henry Ward Beecher to be guilty of adultery, perjury, and hypocrisy. Very respectfully, HENRY C. BOWEN.

The session was ended by a short discussion as to the mutual council, in which President Sturtevant and Dr. Wooley took part. The council then adjourned to 9:30 o'clock this morning.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY A PARTY TO THE SYNDICATE—CONSEQUENT RAISE IN THE PRICE OF STOCK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—For several days past it has been rumored here that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had gone into the coal combination, and become a party to the New-York Syndicate—composed of the Reading, Lehigh Valley, Delaware and Hudson, and other companies. After tracing the matter, it was found that the rumor was proved true in a very important particular. By its numerous leases the Pennsylvania Road has become possessed of coal lands in the Shamokin-Lykens Valley and the regions thereabout. During the suspension in the Schuylkill and Lehigh regions last Spring the Pennsylvania Company supplied a large amount of coal to customers, and this protracted the suspension in other sections, while reaping an immense revenue itself. As the market is glutted this year, the combination feared Col. Scott would resort to the same tactics as last year, and by the Northern Central Road transport coal to Baltimore by the Delaware and Belvidere, and by the Philadelphia and Erie get coal to Philadelphia and New-York, and thus force the combination to break in prices. The fact that the Pennsylvania Company was going into a new business and that they could create great trouble caused the gentlemen composing the New-York Syndicate to request Col. Scott to join them, suspend operations, and advance his rates of toll. At first he refused, thinking his road had enough to attend to without going into any more combinations. He was importuned, the combination seeing the importance of securing him. At last he consented not to become bound by the articles of agreement, as the rest are, but to send a letter to the Syndicate informing them that he would suspend and make the rates on his road conform to those of the others. This is a great victory for the combination, and now they have no opposition from any quarter. The effect of the rumor on 'Change sent Pennsylvania stock up $1 75, and caused a proportionate rise in Reading shares. The market is almost bare of hard coal, but is well supplied with the free-burning kind.

NOVA SCOTIA AND THE CENTENNIAL.

HALIFAX, Feb. 17.—A crew of fishermen to take part in the Philadelphia Centennial boat-races will be sent from here. Two thousand dollars have been already raised for the purpose. Nova Scotia will be represented in four-oared and single-scull races.

The Government steamer Newfield is being prepared to take the lower Provinces' exhibits to Philadelphia. She will leave here on the last of March with Nova Scotia's contributions. There are 144 entries.

TRAINS SNOW BOUND.

WATERTOWN, Feb. 17.—The first severe snowstorm this Winter commenced here Monday night, and continued till Wednesday night. Several trains on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad were abandoned yesterday. To-day is clear and calm. Trains are running from three to four hours behind time.

THE SOOY DEFALCATION.

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—The case of the State vs. Josephus Sooy, Jr., the defaulting State Treasurer of New-Jersey, was called to-day, and at defendant's request was postponed until March 8.

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS AND MRS. MOULTON.

Mrs. Moulton desires us to say that she has never applied to be admitted as a member of the Church of the Pilgrims, or appeared before its Examining Committee, or entertained any purpose to do so presently. We are also assured by a member of that committee that it has not had a meeting since last December.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The fifth meeting of the Yale Alumni Association for the present season will be held at Delmonico's this evening.

Jacob Dali, driver of a dirt cart in the service of the Street-cleaning Bureau, fell from his cart yesterday morning and was run over, sustaining serious injuries.

John E. Brown, night clerk for Caswell, Hazard & Co., of No. 1,099 Broadway, was bailed in $500, at the Washington Place Police Court yesterday, on the charge of petit larceny.

The apartments of L. P. Richard, on the second floor of No. 326 Ninth avenue, were entered by sneak thieves on Wednesday evening and robbed of wearing apparel and jewelry valued at $509.

An unknown man, about forty years of age, was found sick yesterday at Ninth avenue and Forty-first street, and died soon after being removed to the station-house in West Thirty-seventh street.

In the report of the arrest of Williamson, the bond forger, yesterday, it was stated that Williamson's "latest transaction" was with Rollins & Co., No. 21 Wall street. It should have read "Rollins Bros. & Co., No. 23 Wall street."

Capt. Babb, of the schooner S. G. Knight, arrested some time ago on a charge of smuggling cigars into this port, and who gave bail in $500 to await the action of the Grand Jury, was surrendered yesterday by his bondsmen and, sent to Ludlow Street Jail.

Charles Black, who, on the night of Feb. 11, was arrested for an attempted burglary on the premises of Nathan Levy, No. 339 Ninth avenue, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, and was sentenced by Recorder Hackett to three years and six months in the State Prison.

A number of members of the Stock Exchange have been agitating the question of amending its constitution so far as it relates to rates of commission, believing that the amendment if adopted would increase their business. A petition to the Governing Committee is now in circulation for signers.

The Tenth Assembly District Republican Association met last night, Mr. J. M. Patterson in the chair. Resolutions were unanimously adopted nominating Hon. Roscoe Conkling for the office of President of the United States. Capt. Joseph Snyder was appointed Inspector of Elections, in place of Mr. Kirk, deceased.

The labors of the Rapid Transit Commissioners are drawing to a close, for at their session yesterday the arguments advanced for and against the project were nearly similar to those of the previous day. Counselor Vanderpool, Chas. Burdett Hyatt, James W. Beekman, and Mr. Fuller, of Washington Heights, addressed the commission.

The Aldermanic committee appointed to provide additional rooms for the Court of General Sessions are opposed to assigning the offices now used by the Tax Commissioners and the Tax Receiver for that purpose. The Judges of the General Sessions, however, assert that these offices are the only ones in the building suitable for judicial purposes, and that the tax officials can be accommodated elsewhere.

Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell, aged eighteen, of No. 418 East Seventeenth street, and Rosa Connelly, aged fifteen, of Fourteenth street and Avenue A, were driving along Eleventh avenue, and when in the neighborhood of Forty-fifth street, the horse took fright from a locomotive and ran away. Rosa had her left leg fractured, but her companion escaped with slight injuries.

The bids recently offered for the franchise of a ferry from the foot of Whitehall street to the north shore of Staten Island were called up yesterday at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and laid over. The bids are as follows: John H. Starin, fifty per cent. of the gross receipts; Staten Island Railroad Company, five per cent.; New-York and Staten Island Ferry Company, ten per cent.

The Palette Club last evening gave the first of its dinners this season. The committee in charge of arrangements included Messrs. Clark Bell, Robert Dunlap, and John Elderkin. Mr. Bell presided, covers being laid for 100, and among the guests were many litérateurs, musicians, and artists. After a *menu*, which did infinite credit to the culinary resources of the club, had been disposed of, speeches in the usual witty and genial strain were delivered.

BROOKLYN.

Justice Pratt, presiding in the Special Term of the Supreme Court, Kings County, yesterday appointed Mr. Sidney Referee in the foreclosure suit of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company against the New-York and Boston Railroad Company et al. The question of whether a decree of sale should be granted was reserved.

The committee appointed at the meeting held at the Academy of Music on Tuesday last to take into consideration the proposed amendments to the Brooklyn city charter, known as the Schroeder amendments, held a meeting yesterday morning and made several amendments to the amendments first proposed. Instead of twelve Commissioners nine are to be appointed. The section empowering the Commissioners to send paupers to the institutions to work was struck out, on the ground that poor people who are able to work should not be supported by charity.

LONG ISLAND.

The Jamaica Rod and Rifle Association propose to have a rifle match on Tuesday next—Washington's birthday.

The recent shooting affair at Hempstead Bay is thus explained: For some time past large quantities of oysters have been stolen from the bay by oyster-poachers, and a strict watch has been instituted by the owners with a view to catching the depredators. On Sunday Joseph Mott, John Watts, Archer Parkinson, and others in the employ of Mr. Henry Mott, at Christian Hook, while watching from the house discovered Samuel Wright and Gilbert Rhodes on Mr. Mott's oyster bed, and, as alleged, shot at them. The two men immediately came ashore and made a complaint before Justice Johnson charging them with intent to kill. Upon arraignment the Justice held them without bail to await the action of the Grand Jury; but subsequently they were taken before County Judge Armstrong at Jamaica and admitted to bail in $1,500 each.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The Grand Jury at White Plains found a true bill of indictment against Richard Hama, Jr., for murder in the first degree in causing the death of Thomas White.

John Muller, familiarly known as French Miller, of Mount Vernon, was convicted of burglary in the third degree in the Court of Sessions at White Plains on Wednesday, and sentenced yesterday to five years' imprisonment with hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary. George Clark, convicted of stealing pig-iron from the Peekskill Iron Works, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary.

NEW-JERSEY.

William Walker, of Paterson, was out driving yesterday, accompanied by his son, when the horse took fright, ran away, and plunged over an embankment sixty feet high. Mr. Walker and his son jumped out and escaped uninjured, but the horse was hurt so badly that it had to be killed, and the wagon was a total wreck.

ATTEMPT TO PASS A BOGUS CHECK.

Yesterday morning a lad entered the grocery store of A. T. Albro, at the corner of the Bowery and Bond street, and presented a note purporting to come from Dr. Jared Linsly, of No. 22 Lafayette place, and inclosing a check for $25 on the Bull's Head Bank signed George N. Hill, and indorsed "Jared Lindsley," which Mr. Albro was requested to cash. The cashier to whom the note was handed perceived that the indorsement on the back of the check was not genuine, and, detaining the lad, sent to the Central Office for an officer. Detective Reilly was sent to the place, and, on questioning the lad, ascertained that the note with the check indorsed was